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The Whys, Wheres, Whens, and Hows of Molt *Critical Birding Knowledge*

Wednesday February 5th at 7:30pm

Tony Leukering is well known to most Colorado birders. If you have attended a CFO Convention in the last several years, or if you have been to the Barr Lake banding stations, then you have run into Tony. In 1994 Colorado Bird Observatory hired him on a permanent basis as the Monitoring Coordinator in December 1994. He runs a large, state-wide program to monitor the populations of all of Colorado's breeding bird species. Because of his work in this field, he found the population of Eurasian Collared-Doves in Rocky Ford in June 1996. Tony's favorite groups of birds are generally non-passerines that are difficult to identify (seabirds, shorebirds, gulls, and raptors); the world's coolest bird, the Great Gray Owl, is his all-time favorite. For more information about Tony and his work on the Colorado Birds Records Committee, visit the link at <http://www.cfo-link.org/leadpage.html>



DFO Field Trips for February 2003

Saturday, February 1, Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0800 at the Longmont Safeway. Bring lunch for a ¾ day trip. Meet at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road, (17th Ave.) From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot. State Parks Pass needed.

Sunday, February 2, Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant, Hudson, Colorado. Take I-76 east to Hudson and exit. Park in front of the Pepper Pod sign. We will drive about 4 hours to the lake and look for the many bald eagles that congregate there during the winter. We have often see swans, loons and other waterfowl. Bring lunch, snacks and plan to stop at a moderately priced restaurant for dinner on the way back. If you plan to go, please contact leader so that car pools can be arranged.

Sunday, February 2, Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265

Meet leader at 0800 at the west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. past Cherry Creek High School. Bring lunch for an all day trip. State Parks Pass required.

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Rare Bird Alert Number Changing January 31, 2003

On January 31, the phone number for the RBA will be changed. The new number will be (303) 659-8750.

There may be a short down time while the machine is physically being moved. Please status the current RBA number 303.424.2144 for any last minute changes to this date. The number is changing because the answering machine is being re-located to the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory (RMBO).

DFO Field Trips for February 2003, continued

Saturday, February 8, *Feeder Frolic*

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682. Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at northeast corner of South Federal Blvd. and Belleview Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members. Bring lunch.

Sunday, February 9, *South Platte Park*

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0930 for an easy hike to Lake Cooley which is ordinarily closed to the public. Meet at Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Hike will end at noon but you can bring your lunch and sit at the Nature Center to enjoy the birds. This is an excellent trip for novice birders and new members. Should see lots of water fowl and possibly bald eagles.

Saturday, February 15, *South Platte Ramblings*

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-1390. Meet leader at E. 88th and Platte River at 0830. From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit, west on 88th for 1.6 miles, turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. This will be a half day trip, lunch optional. Plan to see lots of waterfowl and raptors.

Sunday, February 16, *Bird Watching for the Novice*

Leader: Karlene Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0900 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd at West Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go two blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to the lake. Half day trip, lunch optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Bring binoculars and field guide.

Saturday, February 22, *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Calaine Ohmert, 303-445-1859. Meet leader at 0800 at the swim beach inside the west entrance of the park off S. Wadsworth, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. Bring lunch, all day trip. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, February 23, *Boulder County – Raptors*

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at Park-n-Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52). Turn left at exit heading west on Hwy 52, go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287. Turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go 0.7 miles, turn left on Niwot Rd. This will be a driving tour of Boulder County/Longmont area looking for raptors. Day long, bring lunch. **Scheduled by Jackie King, Compiled By Cris Cook**

Welcome New Members! Allison Hilf, 3329 E. Bayaud Ave. #1002, Denver, CO 80209, 303-393-2619; Margaret Link, 4154 So. Valentia St., Denver, CO 80237, 303-771-6499
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Thank you for your support—you help us keep these programs alive and well.

Field Trip Summaries for December 2002

December 1, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Evie Brame, Peggy Hankins, Betsy Myers, bob Myers, Myron Plooster, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, cottonwoods; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Clear; wind S, SW, 3-5 mph; temp. 33 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 1047 Individuals.

December 8, Sunday (BHR)

Boulder County

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Peter Fretchel, Mary Stallings, Larry Wilson, Roni Wilson, Becky Eeds, Bill Eeda, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear; wind none; temp. 46 °F. **Totals:** 7 Species, 121 Individuals.

Tuesday Birders

December 3, Tuesday (BCG)

Bear Creek Greenbelt

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willows; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Overcast; wind NW, 0-7 mph; temp. 26-35 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 515 Individuals.

December 10, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 42. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Gravel ponds, riparian, cattails; elev. 5600'. **Weather:** Sunny; wind S, 2-5 mph; temp. 40-46 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 894 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, December 2002

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO		TUES		TOTAL
	1	8	3	10	
	WRG	BHR	BCG	SPP	
Pied-billed Grebe	5		1	2	8
Great Blue Heron				6	6
Canada Goose	340		220	300	860
Wood Duck			1		1
Gadwall	27		2	44	73
American Wigeon	34			10	44
Mallard	72		128	250	450
Northern Shoveler	18		24	2	44
Northern Pintail				5	5
Green-winged Teal	9		7	7	23
Redhead	1				1
Ring-necked Duck				11	11
Lesser Scaup	4				4
Bufflehead	2			18	20
Common Goldeneye	14			10	24

Observation Legend: a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

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December 2002 Field Trip Summary Table, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	D F O		T U E S		TOTAL
	1	8	3	10	
	W R G	B H R	B C G	S P P	
Hooded Merganser	12			12	24
Common Merganser	2			20	22
Bald Eagle		17		1	18
Northern Harrier		4			4
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	1
Red-tailed Hawk		49	3	1	53
"Harlan's" race		2			(2)
Ferruginous Hawk		14			14
Rough-legged Hawk		3			3
buteo sp.		2			2
Golden Eagle		8			8
American Kestrel		24	4	1	29
American Coot	37				37
Killdeer				1	1
Ring-billed Gull	164			21	185
Herring Gull				1	1
Rock Dove			4	3	7
Mourning Dove			4		4
Great Horned Owl			1		1
Belted Kingfisher	3			3	6
Downy Woodpecker	2				2
Northern Flicker	16		16	7	39
"Red-shafted" race	(16)				(16)
Blue Jay	2		5		7
Black-billed Magpie	29		10	5	44
American Crow	7		5	1	13
Black-capped Chickadee	27		9	10	46
White-breasted Nuthatch	9		1		10
Brown Creeper	1				1
American Dipper	1			1	2
American Robin	2		3	2	7
European Starling	109		40	60	209
Song Sparrow	8			5	13
White-crowned Sparrow				2	2
Dark-eyed Junco	12				12
"Oregon" race	(2)				(2)
"Pink-sided" race	(10)				(10)
Red-winged Blackbird	45		2	33	80
House Finch	6		25	36	67
American Goldfinch				1	1
House Sparrow	27			1	28
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1047	121	515	894	2577
TOTAL SPECIES	32	7	22	36	51

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Additional Reports, December 2002

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Trumpeter Swan	12/15	1	Peaceful Valley	Boulder	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Tundra Swan	12/14	1 juv.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Greater White-fronted Goose	12/11	1	Goodnight River Trail pond in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Greater White-fronted Goose	12/15	1	Sells Pond in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Ross' Goose	12/5-10	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Eurasian Wigeon	12/7-14	1m	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Eurasian Wigeon	12/7	1m	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Long-tailed Duck	12/10	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, m.obs.
Long-tailed Duck	12/14	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/8	1	Jumbo Reservoir SWA	Sedgwick/Logan	Andrew Spencer
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/12	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/17	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, m.obs.
Sora	12/20	2 heard	Fort Lyon area marshes	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Mew Gull	12/11	1 juv. 1st basic	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Thayer's Gull	12/12	1 juv.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Thayer's Gull	12/19	1 juv.	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/11-14	1 2nd basic	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Glaucous Gull	12/19	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Great Black-backed Gull	12/7	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Great Black-backed Gull	12/7-14	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Great Black-backed Gull	12/20	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Andrew Spencer, m.obs.
Black-legged Kittiwake	12/3	1 basic a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Saw-whet Owl	12/19	1a	Rocky Ford S.W.A.	Otero	Gene Rutherford, m.obs.
Northern Saw-whet Owl	12/20	1 calling	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Tony Leukering
Common Poorwill	12/15	1	near Temple Canyon	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12/5	1	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-bellied Woodpecker	12/15	1	Canon City riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12/7	1am	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Gray Catbird	12/6	1	Chafffield State Park	Jefferson	Late. Bob Brown
Northern Mockingbird	12/19	1	Sugar City	Crowley	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Brown Thrasher	12/5	1	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bohemian Waxwing	12/5	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Towhee	12/20	1f	?	Bent	Duane Nelson, m.obs.
Savannah Sparrow	12/19	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Le Conte's Sparrow	12/20	8	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Lincoln's Sparrow	12/20	3?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Swamp Sparrow	12/7	1	Florence	Fremont	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Swamp Sparrow	12/7	1	Valco Ponds Canon City	Fremont	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Swamp Sparrow	12/7	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
Swamp Sparrow	12/20	12?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, m.obs.
Snow Bunting	12/8	1f	SW Phillips County	Phillips	Andrew Spencer
Northern Cardinal	12/19	1f	Sugar City	Crowley	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Rusty Blackbird	12/14-21	1f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Carol Blackard, m.obs.
Rusty Blackbird	12/24	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, m.obs.
Rusty Blackbird	12/27	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Andrew Spencer

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in **bold** type, A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage. Send your sightings to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$20.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer. A membership application form is on the next page of this newsletter. Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded. Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 303.322.6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Announcements Editor no later than the 1st of the month of issue. The Editors reserve the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnston, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. Starting January 8, 2003, the monthly DFO meetings will return to the Museum of Nature and Science and will be held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

**All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year
if paid after October 1st.**

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

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Why Wetlands Matter: an Avian Perspective

Presented by Dr. Mike Monahan
Wednesday March 5th 2003

Dr. Monahan joined the faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Denver in fall of 1976. He teaches a variety of courses, including one in ornithology that has been running each spring for the past 25 years.

Our March meeting will focus on the critical role of wetlands. For diversity and sheer biomass of birds, few ecosystems can match a cattail wetland in spring. One jewel of a wetland in the Coal Creek Watershed of eastern Boulder County has been the focus of his field research over a 15-year period. For about five months each spring and summer, this 15-acre patch of sedge, cattail and bulrush is rich with the sights and sounds of some 20 species of breeding birds that collectively may account for upwards of 1000 nests in one season. More information about Dr. Monahan's work can be found on the University of Denver website at www.du.edu/biology.



DFO Field Trips for March 2003

March 1, Saturday

Pueblo Area (PUE)

Leader: David Silverman 1-719-489-3565

Meet leader at 0900 in Pueblo at the South Marina of Pueblo Reservoir. Hwy 50 west, past K-Mart, turn left (south) on Pueblo Blvd. Go 4 to 5 miles then head west on CO State Hwy 96 to Pueblo Reservoir. State parks pass required. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

March 2, Sunday

Boulder/Longmont Area - Raptors (BOU)

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park N Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Rd. From I-25 take exit #235 (CO State Hwy 52, Dacono, Ft Lupton). Go left at exit on Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on 287, go 0.7 miles and then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. This will be a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

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Editor's Note:

In order to fit in all this month's reports, we had to decrease the size of the tables.

If anyone would like a more "readable" version, please email us at veronicaholt@att.net

DFO Field Trips for March 2003, continued

March 8, Saturday

Longmont, Union Reservoir, Lower Latham (LON)

Leader: Bill Prather 303-776-2191. Meet leader at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Area. From I-25 take exit 240. Go west 4 miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Rd, then 2 miles north to the park on left at E. 17th Ave. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

March 9, Sunday

88th & South Platte River (PLA)

Leader: David Laliberte 303-913-6308. Meet leader at 0900 at parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit; go west on 88th for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into parking lot. 1/2-day trip.

March 15, Saturday

Red Rocks & Genesee Area (RED)

Leader: Steve Stachowiak 303-791-4974. Meet leader at 0800 at Red Rocks Park Trading Post. From I-70, take Morrison exit and go south on C-26 to park entrance. Turn right into park and follow signs to Trading Post. 1/2-day trip.

March 16, Sunday

Waterton Canyon / Chatfield (WAT)

Leader: Sue Schulman 303-773-3540. Meet leader at 0830 at Waterton Canyon Discovery Pavilion. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south past entrance to Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. Turn left and then take first left into parking lot. State Parks Pass required. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

March 22, Saturday

Canon City (CAN)

Leader: David Pantle 1-719-275-8208. Meet leader at 0900 at his home at 1826 Flora Ct. in Canon City. Or meet at 0630 to carpool from Southmoor Park N Ride. From I-25 take Hampden Ave east to Monaco then turn south 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way, Park N Ride on right. For carpool information contact Lynn Willcockson 303-757-7000. This is a two-hour drive from Denver in good weather. This field trip will also be attended by members of the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society. Bring lunch for an all day trip.

March 23, Sunday

Jackson Reservoir, Riverside, & Crow Valley (JAC)

Leader: Gregg Goodrich 303-655-9135. Meet leader at 0700 in Hudson at the Pepper Pod Restaurant. From Denver take exit 31 off I-76, turn right (east), then right again onto frontage road going south for one block to parking lot on left. Bring lunch for an all day trip.

March 29, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BAR)

Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at visitors center at Barr Lake State Park. From Denver take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Rd, then turn south for approx. 2 miles to park entrance. State Parks pass required. 1/2-day trip.

March 30, Sunday

Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)

Leader: Beverley Guild 303-695-4878. Meet leader at 0800 at Cherry Creek Reservoir west entrance. Go East on Union Ave. from Yosemite St past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. State Parks pass required. 1/2-day trip.



Karleen Schofield steps down after eight years of volunteer service to the DFO

*She writes...*After 8 years as Coordinator for the Field Trip Schedulers, I am giving up those responsibilities to pursue other volunteer work. This occasion provides yet another opportunity to give recognition to those in DFO who "keep the ship afloat", from our club officers, Board of Directors and other volunteers to members who are active participants in our programs. Thank you all!

DFO's extensive schedule of field trips sets us apart from other bird clubs, making it possible for members and visiting birders to develop birding skills, study habitats that support Colorado bird populations and socialize. Volunteer leaders and schedulers make this happen, while volunteer newsletter editors input club activities in print and compile the field trip data.

A special word of thanks is extended to our current field trip schedulers who carry on the work of past trip planners: Jackie King (since 1994), Patty Echelmeyer (since 1997), and Dianna Johnston (since 2001). These ladies not only schedule trips, but also lead. They often make post-trip follow-up calls to leaders to learn of unexpected problems or exciting sightings. Jackie has been of great assistance to me by typing final drafts of revised forms and lists used by the leaders and schedulers and storing those items in a computer file for easy revision/updates in the future. Thank you all for your steadfast service. It has been a joy working with all of you!

Karleen Schofield

Our thanks to you Karleen.

Our "boat floats" better thanks to you and your tireless dedication to our mission.

Thank You Wild Birds Unlimited!

We would like to extend our thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited for the support in 2002. They most graciously hosted two DFO Board of Directors meetings in April and November and the Christmas Count compilation meeting in December. Wild Birds Unlimited provides a convenient location for these meetings. The delicious refreshments for the Christmas Count were a special treat. Thank you!

Welcome New Members!

Daniela Heck-Garrett, 3243 So. Parker Road #509B, Aurora, CO 80014, 720-341-5131
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Contributions

COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT: Paul & Janet Barrett, Ursula Barsch, LeaAnn & Bob Brown, Frances Campbell, Diane Carter, Ted & Shelly Cooper, Tim Davis, Grace Hahn, Carol Haskell, Rachel Hopper, Diane Hutton, Albert & Jane Koewing, Richard Maxfield, Martha McCauley, Peggy Roberts, James & Carol Rooney, Anne Southcott, Ann Sprague, Karen Von Saltza.

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Thank you for your support—you help us keep these programs alive and well.

The Denver Urban CBC Christmas Count

From Hugh Kingery, Franktown

Here's a final report on The Denver Urban CBC, held Jan. 1, 2003. We recorded 89 species, the highest (by two) in the count's 15 years. We found 40,189 birds, 13% above average but lower than the last 3 years by 7,000-9,400 birds. Passerines showed a big drop: 10,467, 80% of the 15-year average; omitting crows (see below) the passerine total of 8,893 represented only 72% of average.

The drop in numbers relates to drops in the following big-ticket species:

- ☐ Canada Goose, down 4,645 from last year;
- ☐ Starling, 58% of the 14-year average at 3,041; it has showed a downtrend since the first count in 1988.
- ☐ Ring-billed Gull, 1,794 -- 129% of average, but down from 2,181 last year.
- ☐ Mallard, 1,571, 67% of average, down from 2,037 last year.
- ☐ American Wigeon 323, 67% of average, last year 275.
- ☐ Hooded Merganser 72, down from 118 last year but 151% of average; numbers increased substantially starting in 1998.
- ☐ House Sparrow, 86% of average, 1,694 compared with 1,833 last year.
- ☐ House Finch, 59% of average, 995 compared with 1,066 last year and 1,826 the year before.
- ☐ Dark-eyed Juncos, the 400 equal to 79% of average, down from a high count of 925 on Jan. 1, 2001.

Summary

Last year Cherry Creek Reservoir had 3,591 Common Mergansers. If you ignore that count (4 times the next high count) our count of 182 still dropped below average, and the total duck count (5,401) came out about average.

We had new high counts for several species:

1,574 Am. Crows (old high 1006);
 209 Am. Coots (109);
 56 Lesser Scaup (56);
 55 Red-tailed Hawks (56);
 10 Great Blue Herons (9).

Our only other significant high count was 1716 Shovelers (ave. 1333).

We didn't add any new species this year, so the count total still stands at 127 species. We did see two species seen only once before (Red-bellied Woodpecker and Rusty Blackbird). The eleven most numerous species all have an urban flavor except the Shovelers—they inhabit the South Platte in some numbers.

53 observers participated, plus 25 feeder watchers.

Canada Goose	19816
Starling	3062
Rock Dove	2029
Ring-billed Gull	1794
Shoveler	1716
House Sparrow	1694
Crow	1574
Mallard	1571
House Finch	995
Red-wg. Blackbrd	942
Magpie	842

FYI

Andrew Spencer is considering putting together a trip to Hayden to see the Greater Sage-Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse displaying, if there is sufficient interest from club members. Anyone interested in going in the middle of April, call him at 303-770-6299.

49th Annual Denver Christmas Count

Saturday, December 14, 2002 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Compiler: Dick Schottler

Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones

Weather: Clear to partly cloudy

Temperature: 20 to 63 deg. F **Wind:** SW - W, 0 to 25 mph

Snow Cover: 0 to 3"

Still Water: Partly open

Moving Water: Partly open

Observers: 104 (69 in 30 parties, 35 watchers at 32 feeders)

Total Party Hours: 217 (145 on foot, 72 by car)

Owling Hours: 2

Total Party Miles: 707 (104 on foot, 603 by car)

Owling Miles: 13.5

Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 123

Count Totals: 100 species; 26,174 individuals

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names in **bold**):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): **Bob Brown**, Lea Ann Brown
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): **Tamie Bulow**, Patty Echelmeyer, Allison Hilf, Diana Mullineaux
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): **Kathy Hawkins**, Sylvia Sather
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Gail Evans, Ira Sanders, Bob Spencer, **Karl Stecher**
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte-east (LSP): Ruth Breckon, **Ed Holub**, Cynthia Langan, Tom Langan, Verla Priest
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte-west (LSP): **Warren Finch**, Dick Pratt
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, **Harold Oliver**
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): **Norm Erthal**, Ric Olson
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): Jill Holden, **Randy Lentz**
- Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Cheryl Ames, Peter Gillette, **Hugh Kingery**, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard, Karen von Saltza
- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): **Joey Kellner**, Kristyn Kellner, Charles Lawrence, Nathan Pieplow, Andrew Spencer
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): **Carolyn Cooley**
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, **Lynn Willcockson**
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): **Charles Thornton-Kolbe**
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Bill Bevington, Joan Bevington, **Ann Bonnell**, Else Van Erp
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): David Laliberte, **Frances Sperl**
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Joe Roller, **Dick Schottler**
- Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Margie Bailey, Mike Foster, Jim Norton, Warren Roske, Jeanette Strom, **Sherman Wing**
- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): **Gene Rutherford**
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): David Binkley, **Marilyn Brenengen**, John Flavin, Norm Lewis, Nina Routh
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): **Chuck Aid**
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): **Jackie King**
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): Nancy Crews, **Doris Cruze**, Lynn Forrester, Doug Hodous, Dennis Wojcicki
- Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): **Karleen Schofield**

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Lowell Baumunk, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Jan & Bill Carter, Carol Chapman, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Marjory Friedman, Betty & Stan Harwood, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Bill Karsell, Norm Kautsky, Mike Kinsey, Lila Kint, Judy Lane, Kurt Lani, Lynda Ludvigsen, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Doris McLaughlin, Lowrey Mumford, Doreen Near, Leon Rollin, Millie Sanger, Jacque Schneider, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Candy Vallado, John Weege.

Highlights of the 2002 Christmas Count are on the next page.

49th Annual Denver Christmas Count Highlights

The 49th consecutive Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC), sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists with the National Audubon Society, took place on December 14, 2002 in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. Count day was beautiful with mild temperatures, calm to moderate winds, and mostly and clear to partly cloudy skies. A relatively warm autumn preceding the Count resulted in most water on the plains being open or only partly frozen. As a result, 23 species of waterfowl were observed, topped only by the 24 species seen in 2001. A total of 26,174 individual birds of 100 species were recorded by 69 field observers and 35 feeder watchers (compared with 37,569 individuals of 107 species in 2001).

No new species were added to the cumulative Denver CBC list in 2002, and the total species seen since 1954 remains at 189. Four species recorded on fewer than 10 percent of the 48 previous Denver CBC's were observed: A Blue-winged Teal spotted by Karl Stecher's group on Marston Reservoir had been recorded on two previous counts; a White-winged Scoter spotted in South Platte Park by Warren Finch's team was the third Count record.; a Gray Jay observed in the Mt. Falcon area by Sherman Wing's group becomes the fifth record for the species; and Hugh Kingery's group came up with two Common Yellowthroats seen along the South Platte (recorded on three earlier counts). The "myrtle" warbler seen by Joey Kellner's group at Chatfield was only the third record for this race of Yellow-rumped Warbler. Other uncommon birds seen this year included Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Thayer's Gull, Rock Wren, Green-tailed Towhee, and Common Grackle, all seen on less than 25 percent of the 48 previous counts.

Record-high individual numbers were established for four species this year: Common Loon (the 6 seen on Chatfield Reservoir tops the previous record of 5 seen in 1980); Wood Duck (70: previous high was 60 seen in 1998); Western Scrub-Jay (the 219 seen this year tops the 206 seen in 1996); and Common Yellowthroat (2: all three previous records have been of single birds). On the other hand, several species were seen in fewer than usual numbers this year. These included Northern Pintail (the 4 reported is the lowest number recorded on all 49 counts), Song Sparrow (lowest since 1969), American Goldfinch (lowest since 1979), and Evening Grosbeak (lowest since 1969). Numbers of two races of Junco, slate-colored and gray-headed, were also the lowest since the 1960's.

The ten most numerous species observed on the Count were:

- ☐ Canada Goose (9,187)
- ☐ Crow (2,392)
- ☐ Starling (2,257)
- ☐ Mallard (1,334)
- ☐ House Finch (1,235)
- ☐ Dark-eyed Junco (1,000)
- ☐ House Sparrow (852)
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird (804)
- ☐ Black-billed Magpie (637)
- ☐ Rock Dove (593).

Together, these ten species accounted for 77.5 percent of the birds counted, with 35 percent of the total being Canada Geese. One additional species, Winter Wren, was observed in the Count circle during Count Week (3 days before and 3 days following December 14th).

As compiler of the 49th Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. Special thanks go to the Area Leaders whose efforts make this Count a success year after year, and to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in lining up the feeder watchers and compiling the feeder results. Last but not least, a big thanks to Scott and Sandy Menough and the staff at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for again hosting our compilation meeting and providing the very welcome beverages and refreshments after a day in the field. This was the eighth year they have done this for us and, as always, it was an enjoyable event.

Christmas Count 2002

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																									TOTAL	
	RRP	LBC	DGP	ORH	LSP	LSP	JLD	PCR	HSP	HSP	CHA	USP	EDC	UBC	YPK	BHM	NTC	IRE	UBC	KCR	GGI	HWB	YCR	HLW	FEEDERS		
	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Plus		Plus
Common Loon											6															6	
Pied-billed Grebe				4			10				8															22	
Horned Grebe											1															1	
Western Grebe						1					3															4	
Double-crested Cormorant				1							1															2	
Great Blue Heron		1	1	1	1	11		1	3	4	1													2		29	
Belted Night-Heron											1															1	
Greater White-Irt Goose				4		1																				5	
Snow Goose (blue)		2																								2	
Canada Goose		919	350	610	1250	1200	32	8	1200	142	399		150									5	2061		804	21	9187
Wood Duck											1														69	70	
Gadwall		10		25	52	75	21	9	12	8	16	5											23	4		263	
American Wigeon		12	6	8		10					1	29	6											4		76	
Mallard		214	35	60	180	200	5	11	41	104	61								97			2	258		63	1334	
BLUE-WINGED TEAL				1																						1	
Northern Shoveler		74	1	83	10	5					35												85	1		294	
Northern Pintail				1	1						1												1			4	
Green-winged Teal				14	5	17					4												3	3		46	
Canvasback				7																						7	
Redhead				14	62	1					7												3			87	
Ring-necked Duck				1	50	10			4														38	11		114	
GREATER SCAUP				2 (1)																						2	
Lesser Scaup		1		6	30	15					1															53	
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER						1																				1	
Bufflehead				31	13	20				5	20	4											3			96	
Common Goldeneye		7	8	19	20	25	21	1		30	26	47											26		8	241	
Hooded Merganser				46	5	25				2	7														7	92	
Common Merganser		11	22	111	8	75				16	13	33										1	6	2		298	
Red-breasted Merganser				14																						14	
Ruddy Duck				12																						12	
Bald Eagle						1	1		2 (a, i)	4 (3a, 1i)	2 (a, i)							1								11	
Northern Harrier			1			1			2				1							1						6	
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1				1																		2	
Cooper's Hawk						(a)	(a)			2																2	
Red-tailed Hawk	3	5	6	3	2	2	9	2	5	3	4	6	3	0	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	9	1	0	85
western races	(3)	(4)	(6)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(9)	(2)	(5)	(3)	(3)	(6)	(3)		(3)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(7)	(9)	(1)		(83)	
"Harralan's" race			(1)								(1)															(2)	
Ferruginous Hawk							2				1															3	
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1																				1		3	
Buteo sp.			1																							1	
Golden Eagle	2																			2			1 (1)			5	
American Kestrel	1	5	2	3	2		2	1	3	2	1		1	1						1		2	7	3	1	38	
Prairie Falcon				1		1					1															2	
Wild Turkey																52		9				12				73	
Virginia Rail						1		1		6																8	
American Coot				51	35	2					30															118	
Killdeer				3	2	10					2												2		2	21	
Wilson's Snipe						1			1	4	2														3	11	
Pied-billed Gull		93	27	105	70	45	16		16	23	27											4	129	6		555	
California Gull				3							1															4	
Herring Gull			1	7		2					3															13	
THAYERS GULL				1																						1	
Rock Dove	18	52	18	26	20	10	85	2	3	39	36	19	17		8			20	9	20		37	61	2	32	6	593
Mourning Dove				7					12																	19	
Great Horned Owl				1			2	2	2	3	3		3										1			17	
Belted Kingfisher		4	1		2	8			2	4	12	5	1						1						1	41	
Downy Woodpecker		3	1	2			1	2	2	2	5		3	1	1	1	2	6				2	2	3	17	22	78
Hairy Woodpecker								2						2	4	2	6	9		1	1			4	1	12	44
N. Flicker	4	23	4	6	12	10	2	11	7	15	13	2	6	0	0	2	2	2	0	5	2	10	17	1	54	14	224
"Red-shafted"	(4)	(23)	(4)	(6)	(12)	(10)	(2)	(11)	(7)	(15)	(13)	(2)	(6)			(2)	(2)	(2)		(5)	(2)	(10)	(17)	(1)	(54)	(14)	(223)
"Red-" x "yellow-shafted"										(1)																(1)	
Northern Shrike	1						2		1	1	1			1												7	
Gray Jay																		1								1	
Stellar's Jay	1			1									2	15	30	45	23	38	5	3	7			11	12	47	240
Blue Jay		4		2	1			2															13		44	46	

Christmas Count 2002, continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	COUNT AREAS																										TOTAL
	RRP	EDC	BCP	RRH	LSP	LSP	WED	PEK	ASP	HSP	CHA	WSP	LWC	WDC	WPK	BBH	REC	IML	UDC	ACH	GGI	WPK	WPK	WPK	WPK	WPK	
	1	2	3A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22A	22B	
Western Scrub-Jay	28	4		2								4	13		8				9	19	3	47	4	26	20	32	219
Black-billed Magpie	14	46	35	45	30	45	25	13	8	26	14	10	9	2	13	20	18	15	11	18	2	18	87	6	48	29	637
American Crow		52	40	61	35	2	387	69	125	110	107	3	265	18	2	296	200	164	2	9	32	43	172	31	103	64	2392
Common Raven	4		2			2	2		2	3	1	5	1		2		2	4	6	3	2		66	3		2	112
Horned Lark										1																	1
Black-capped Chickadee	11	34	12	16	70	5	5	19	11	24	30	15	16	3	10	7		6	8	10	8	10	16	13	55	54	471
Mountain Chickadee				3									5	15	32	56	38	50	6		29			15	5	34	288
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1		4	2	1									2		6	1		13				1	5		36
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	3		3	3			1	1				2	1	2	5	3	9	1	2	5			1	2	28	66
Pygmy Nuthatch				4										5	35	75	30	69	3		42			29		40	332
Brown Creeper		1						1			3		2	1	3	6		7		1			3	1	2		31
Rock Wren	1																										1
Canyon Wren	4												1						1								6
Marsh Wren									1																		1
American Dipper									4	2									1								7
Golden-crowned Kinglet														6	3		1										10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1					1																	2
Townsend's Solitaire	9			3						1	1		4	1	15	1		7	4	5	3	1		22	1	2	80
American Robin	1	52	2	16	1	7		3			1								1	1			12	1	63	2	163
Northern Mockingbird												1															1
European Starling	6	431	88	94	175	110	185	3	35		56	2	6		2	2	120	38	16	2		105	503	1	267	19	2257
American Pipit											2																2
Yellow-rumped Warbler											1																1
"Myrtle" race											(1)																(1)
COMMON YELLOWTHROAT										2																	2
Green-tailed Towhee																						1					1
Spotted Towhee	1	1		2				1	1		1		1						1					8	1		18
American Tree Sparrow	1				11	1	7	68	18	46	70		7														229
Song Sparrow	5	8	3	5	1	8		5	10	7	29	3	4					2	1	3			2	2	1	1	100
Swamp Sparrow										1																	1
White-crowned Sparrow		5		3				1			1														6		16
Dark-eyed Junco	58	25	24	59	45	1	5	19	6	22	91	24	20	4	17	33	52	29	16	29	27	90	45	38	93	86	1000
"White-winged" race	(3)							(1)			(3)			(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)								(2)	(2)	(16)
"Slate-colored" race	(3)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(10)			(2)			(4)	(3)		(4)	(1)	(2)	(4)		(2)					(2)	(14)	(20)	(92)
"Oregon"/"Pink-sided"	(9)	(23)	(23)	(9)	(55)	(1)	(5)	(9)			(10)	(20)	(17)	(11)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(13)	(2)	(8)	(4)	(3)	(45)		(13)	(33)	(407)
"Gray-headed" race	(12)										(3)			(9)	(2)	(20)	(18)	(1)	(5)	(3)	(10)			(34)	(21)	(19)	(187)
Junco race	(24)	(2)		(44)				(2)	(4)	(2)	(12)	(4)			(9)	(2)	(20)	(20)	(3)	(20)	(4)	(98)			(13)	(12)	(298)
Red-winged Blackbird		9	40	9	5	30	42	18	102	97	33		250		15	1			9	3		15	40		46	48	804
Western Meadowlark								18	2	10	1														3		34
Common Grackle																								1			1
Cassin's Finch																										6	6
House Finch	18	104	60	56	88	100	38	72	19	15	25	7	8		16	28	12	36	16	12		55	96	22	256	79	1235
Pine Siskin																	4	2			5				20	27	58
American Goldfinch		1		4		2	3	3	2	4	8		2					4	1						3	5	42
Evening Grosbeak														2													2
House Sparrow	13	35	5	86	110	15	8						4				17	15	10			70	58		393	13	852
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	286	2253	782	1804	2473	2127	914	376	1711	816	1306	112	886	80	221	631	531	550	237	150	195	523	3076	241	2549	702	24,174
TOTAL SPECIES	23	35	28	60	38	44	25	33	32	42	53	16	28	16	20	19	17	26	26	21	18	20	33	22	45	38	100

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Common Loon	1/19-30	1 to 2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater White Fronted Goose	1/1	1a	City Park	Denver	Karleen Schofield, Kevin Corwin, Geri Reinardy
Ross's Goose	1/3	1i	Chaffield Nature Preserve	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Eurasian Wigeon	1/1	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Joey Kellner
Eurasian Wigeon	1/3	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Eurasian Wigeon	1/9-24	1am	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-winged Scoter	1/2	1	McClellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joey Kellner
Long-tailed Duck	1/21	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Long-tailed Duck	1/24	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1	1m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Joey Kellner
Mew Gull	1/11	1 1st yr	Arkansas River at Runyon Lake	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Thayer's Gull	1/11-24	up to 1a, 1 juv.	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/12	1 1st yr	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/20	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Bradford, m.ob.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/24	1 1st yr	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Joey Kellner
Great Black-backed Gull	1/9-30	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Greater Roadrunner	1/19	1	near Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/5	1m	Lake Hasty	Bent	Joey Kellner
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/11	1am	Roselawn Cemetery	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1/19	1	near Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival
Western Scrub-Jay	1/5	2	Bent County Roads	Bent	Joey Kellner
Bushlit	1/1	5	1st Ave. & Dexter residential area	Denver	Karleen Schofield, Kevin Corwin, Geri Reinardy
Varied Thrush	1/1	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Joey Kellner
Varied Thrush	1/3	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Varied Thrush	1/9-24	1f	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Brown Thrasher	1/24	1?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
American Pipit	1/19-25	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Eastern Towhee	1/3	1	So. Of John Martin Res.	Bent	found by Duane Nelson, seen by Andrew Spencer, Glen Walbek
Eastern Towhee	1/5	1f	Bent County Roads	Bent	Joey Kellner
Le Conte's Sparrow	1/3	3+	Fort Lyon Marshes	Bent	Andrew Spencer, Glenn Walbek
Le Conte's Sparrow	1/24	1?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Lincoln's Sparrow	1/24	1?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Swamp Sparrow	1/11-12	1 to 2	Goodnight River Trail in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford, m.ob.
Swamp Sparrow	1/24	4?	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
White-throated Sparrow	1/26	1	Loveland Ski Area		Joey Kellner
Harris's Sparrow	1/1	2	Goodnight trail	Pueblo	Joey Kellner
Harris's Sparrow	1/11	2	Goodnight River Trail in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Snow Bunting	1/30	1 basic m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Bill Maynard
Northern Cardinal	1/3	1	Fort Lyon	Bent	found by Duane Nelson, seen by Andrew Spencer, Glen Walbek
Northern Cardinal	1/24	1m	?	Bent	Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford
Rusty Blackbird	1/3	1	Cherry Creek SP	Arapahoe	Bob Brown

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type, A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage. Send your sightings to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com

Field Trip Summaries for January 2003

- January 4, Saturday** *Valmont Reservoir and Boulder County* (VAL)
Leader(s): Bob Jickling. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Sandra and Tora Anessen, Janet Chu, Lucie Clark, Todd Deininger, Ferd Dirckx, Gene Ellis, Gail Evans, Marje Foland, Francesca Giongo, Pat Hoadley, Ed and Pat Joy, Nancy Kelley, Pat Law, Jane Lederle, Linda Macey, Beth Partin, Walt Peterson, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Roy Powell, Dick Pratt, Scott Rashid, Phil Robertson, Warren Roske, Nina Routh, Debra Sparr, Mary Stallings, Roger Walker, Judie Weight, Eric Zorawowicz. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, riparian. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind 0-10 mph, W; temp. not noted. **Totals:** 32 Species, 655 Individuals.
- January 5, Sunday** *Northeast Colorado* (NEC)
Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Warren Finch, David Laliberte, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0730-1830. **Distance:** 250 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy; wind SSE, 5-10 mph; temp. 40-55 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 6401 Individuals.
- January 11, Saturday** *Longmont Area* (LON)
Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Donna Gionnola, John Flavin, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0900-1600. **Distance:** 25 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, reservoir. **Weather:** cloudy; wind calm; temp. 20-30 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 35,306 Individuals.
- January 12, Sunday** *Red Rocks Park* (RRO)
Leader(s): Mary Burger. **Observers:** Carol and Steve Blackard, Lucie Clark, Joe Krieg, Betty and Don Minges. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** foothills. **Weather:** clear; wind NW, 20 mph; temp. 25-50 °F. **Totals:** 15 Species, 144 Individuals.
- January 18, Saturday** *North Platte River at 88th Ave.* (PRI)
Leader(s): Buzz Schaumberg. **Observers:** Jason Brett, Mary Lou Dimond, Warren Finch, Peggy Fitzgerald, Danielle Mathson, Jon Mathson, Elise Miller, and Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** clear; wind calm; temp. 35-40 °F. **Totals:** 22 Species, 614 Individuals.
- January 19, Sunday** *Chatfield State Park* (CHA)
Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Peggy Gonder, Charlie Lawrence, Calaine Ohmert. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir; elev. 5500'. **Weather:** Clear; wind W, 0-12 mph; temp. 32-65 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 890 Individuals.
- January 26, Saturday** *Cherry Creek State Park* (CCK)
Leader(s): Andrew Spencer. **Observers:** Ursula Barsch, Tom and Mary Burger, Bob and Oveta DeBoer, Mel and Elaine Emeigh, Warren Finch, Beverlee Guild, Charlie Lawrence, Pat Ryan, Bob Spencer, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 35-55 °F. **Totals:** 38 Species, 3657 Individuals.
- January 27, Sunday** *South Platte River, Florida Ave. to Mineral Ave.* (SPR)
Leader(s): JB Hayes. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Patty Echelmeyer, Jim Fischer, Peter Fretchel, Celia Greenman, Chuck Lowrie, Calaine Ohmert. **Time:** 0900-1515. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy; wind NW, 0-5 mph; temp. 34-58 °F. **Totals:** 34 Species, 2480 Individuals.
- TUESDAY BIRDERS**
- January 7, Tuesday** *Chatfield Nature Preserve* (CNP)
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 38. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, pond (no water in either), cottonwood, willow cattails, juniper & open fields. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind S, 0-5 mph; temp. 30-60 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 862 Individuals.
- January 14, Tuesday** *Bear Creek Lake Park* (BCL)
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 53. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 9 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails & open fields. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind W, 0-5 mph; temp. 34-48 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 1186 Individuals.
- January 21, Tuesday** *South Platte River and 88th Ave.* (PRI)
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, agricultural, bicycle trail. **Weather:** Partly to mostly cloudy; wind N, 3-10 mph; temp. 27-38 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 1633 Individuals.
- January 28, Tuesday** *Waterton Canyon* (WAT)
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow with rock outcrops. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind variable, 0-7 mph; temp. 38-40 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 75 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, January 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28	
	VAL	NEC	LON	RRO	PRI	CHA	CCK	SPR	CNP	BCL	PRI	WAT	
Pied-billed Grebe	18				1	2					1		22
Horned Grebe	11												11
Western Grebe	9												9
Double-crested Cormorant	7												7
Great Blue Heron	6		5					3			1		15
Black-crowned Night-Heron								12					12
Snow Goose			2										2
Canada Goose	65	4491	8200		95	618	450	1125	550	750	100		16444
Trumpeter Swan	1												1
Gadwall	22		2		84	8	15	90		4	127		352
American Wigeon	4						3	60		8	41		116
Mallard	15	25	553		42	30	40	75		250	65	2	1097
Northern Shoveler			6		144			150			775		1075
Northern Pintail		2			72			1			68		143
Green-winged Teal			1		12	3	85	105			180		386
Canvasback	31		1										32
Redhead	17												17
Ring-necked Duck	78		50					22					150
Lesser Scaup	2					12		3					17
Long-tailed Duck					1								1
Bufflehead					3		2	25			2		32
Common Goldeneye	6		6		29	31	8	35		7	30		152
Barrow's Goldeneye					2								2
Hooded Merganser					7		5	30					42
Common Merganser	55		900		15	45	2500	18			11		3544
Red-breasted Merganser	14		1				2						17
Ruddy Duck	4												4
Bald Eagle		12	28			1	8				2		51
Northern Harrier	1	1	3				1		1				7
Red-tailed Hawk	1	13	23		2	4	6		4	3	1	2	59
Ferruginous Hawk			3			1			1				5
Rough-legged Hawk		3	5										8
buteo sp.		2						2					4
Golden Eagle	2		1										3
American Kestrel		10	16				1	2	2	1	2		34
falcon sp.								1					1
Ring-necked Pheasant		4											4
Virginia Rail							2						2
American Coot	195					9	3	9					216

Field Trip Summary Table, January 2003 continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	4 VAL	5 NEC	11 LON	12 RRO	18 PRI	19 CHA	25 CCK	26 SPR	7 CNP	14 BCL	21 PRI	28 WAT	
Killdeer						1	1	1			1		4
Common Snipe								1					1
Ring-billed Gull	60	32	160		45	18	55	115	1	7	35		528
Herring Gull					1	2	17						20
Glaucous-winged Gull													1
Rock Dove		109	50	5		6	8	200	40	12	20	5	455
Eurasian Collared-dove			18										18
Great Horned Owl		1							2	2			5
Belted Kingfisher	2		1		1	1	2	4		1	6	3	21
Downy Woodpecker			1					1	1		1		4
Northern Flicker		11	4	1		3	9	4	8	5	1	2	48
"Red-shafted" race				(1)		(3)							(4)
Steller's Jay				1					5				6
Blue Jay		14	4							1			19
Western Scrub-Jay				15					2			3	20
Black-billed Magpie	12	37	15	5	4	9	25	18	9	13	12	4	163
American Crow		34	6		2	36	10	60	70	30	15	1	264
Common Raven	3			4									7
Horned Lark		121					4						125
Black-capped Chickadee		4	4	10		8	3	4	18	8	2	11	72
Mountain Chickadee		2											2
White-breasted Nuthatch									2				2
Brown Creeper												4	4
Canyon Wren												8	8
Marsh Wren						1	2						3
American Dipper												4	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1							1
Townsend's Solitaire				1		1			1	1		3	7
American Robin	1	61	1				4		2			2	71
European Starling		132	20500	1	12	5	220	200	5	5	40	2	21122
American Pipit	1					1							2
Cedar Waxwing		3											3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1					1		2			1		5
Spotted Towhee				2									2
American Tree Sparrow		14	12				18		14	3	35	1	97
Song Sparrow	2	5	2	2	10	19	4	3	3	3	3	7	63
White-crowned Sparrow		23	4										27
Dark-eyed Junco		15	6	25		1	16	3	7			9	82
"Slate-colored" race				(5)									(5)
"Oregon" race				(5)									(5)
"Pink-sided" race				(5)									(5)
"Gray-headed" race				(10)									(10)
Red-winged Blackbird		1106	4500	2	30		55	75	45	20	8		5841
Western Meadowlark		2					8						10
Brewer's Blackbird		25					2						27
House Finch	7	25	12	40		9	35	15	56	42	2	2	245
American Goldfinch	2	2					6		3	4			17
House Sparrow		60	200	30		3	22	6	10	6	45		382
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	655	6401	35306	144	614	890	3657	2480	862	1186	1633	75	53,856
TOTAL SPECIES	32	32	38	15	22	31	38	34	26	24	31	19	80

OBSERVATION LEGEND:

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only,
 c=calling, s=singing, bold/face=rare/unusual, + =also/in addition to,
 x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated

Statement of Operations 2002

Operating Fund, December 31 2002			Educational Endowment Fund		
Balance December 31, 2001				01/01/02 to 12/31/02	Since Inception 9/19/94
16,985.35			Beginning Balance	\$ 23,441.85	
Receipts			Receipts		
Membership Dues - 2002			Memorials	660.00	\$ 18,877.38
Received in 2001	4,570.00		Interest	798.38	8,335.33
Received in 2002	2,940.00		Contributions from Members	291.00	1,991.00
Total Membership Dues	7,510.00		Sale of Al Hay's Books (net)	30.00	956.17
Interest	397.68		Grant	-	1,025.00
Colorado Bird Report	741.00		Total Receipts	1,779.38	31,184.88
Book Shop	500.65		Total	25,221.23	31,184.88
Total Receipts	8,739.96		Disbursements		
Disbursements			Grants		
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	6,612.13		Organizations	1,150.00	6,153.50
Museum Membership	250.00		Individuals	-	935.00
Colorado Bird Report	389.64		Total Grants	1,150.00	7,088.40
Liability Insurances	755.00		Administration		25.25
Book Shop	328.89		Total Disbursement	1,150.00	7,113.65
Miscellaneous			Balance December 31 2002	\$ 24,071.23	\$ 24,071.23
Administrative	155.67				
Bird Trips	130.97				
Picnic	117.66				
Total Disbursements	8,739.96				
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	409.37				
Adjustments					
Memberships Dues					
Prior Year	(4,570.00)				
Next Year	3,580.00				
Balance December 31, 2002	\$ 16,404.72				
Fund Balances - December 31, 2002					
Operating	16,404.72				
Educational Endowments	24,071.23				
Reserve	5,000.00				
Total	\$45,475.95				
Membership December 31, 2002					
Total: 393					
New: 39					

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Boulevard., Denver, CO 80205. The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer and month of December) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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The *Lark Bunting* does **not** accept advertising.

Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. Starting January 8, 2003, the monthly DFO meetings will return to the Museum of Nature and Science and will be held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

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March/April 2003

Hugh Kingery Estimating Bird Numbers Feature speaker of the month Wednesday April 2nd 2003

Atlas Editor Hugh Kingery directed the Colorado Atlas from its inception in 1987. His editing endeavors have ranged from a boy scout newsletter to CFO's *Journal to Trail and Timberline*, magazine of The Colorado Mountain Club. (He also wrote a book on the club's history.) Over the years the Mountain Club, Denver Audubon Society, and the Denver Field Ornithologists each elected him as President. *American Birds* carried his byline as Regional Editor for the Mountain West from 1972 to 1996. For the AOU's *Birds of North America* he wrote the monograph on the American Dipper.



Hugh Kingery has written Backyard Birds for the newsletter of the Audubon Society of Greater Denver for 15 years. During that time he also directed the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas project and edited the Atlas publication. He currently writes a column on Colorado birds that appears weekly in the Lifestyles section of the Sunday Denver Post.

Our May 7 speaker will be Ken Strom from the Audubon Society.



DFO Field Trips for April 2003

April 5, Saturday

Carson Nature Center-South Platte Park

Leader: Dee Gielisson (303-730-1022 work / 303-973-4934 home)

Meet at 0830 at Nature Center, off intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe, just west of light-rail station. Half-day; lunch optional. Varied habitats and led by an enthusiastic leader.

April 6, Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Big Dry Creek area in Westminster

Leader: John Flavin (303-412-1306) Meet at 0800 west of the library at west end of Front Range Community College, located on 112th Ave., between Sheridan Blvd. and Federal Blvd. Easy hike on paved trails. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

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This March issue of Lark Bunting is late due to a "melt down" of this editor's computer. We have therefore combined the March and April issue. The May issue will include May field trips, and report summaries of the previous month.
Remember to check the web site for last minute information.

DFO Field Trips for March 2003, continued

April 9, Wednesday

Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge

Leader: Tamie Bulow (303-462-1238)

Meet at 0900 at Hawk Watch parking lot. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at light at exit ramp, then left at second turn into parking lot (at southeast quadrant of intersection). Uphill walk is approximately one-half mile. Dress in layers. Bring water and lunch, and we'll eat up there. More than hawks!

April 12, Saturday

Boulder County

Leader: Ted Floyd (303-444-6365)

Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds main parking area, directly across from Cottonwood Marsh. From Denver, go west on U.S. 36 to Foothills Parkway exit (SR 157). Travel north for 1.9 miles; turn right (east) on Arapahoe Rd. (SR 7); continue east for 2.8 miles; turn left (north) on 95th St. for 2.2 miles; turn left (west) on Walden Ponds Rd. Pass small parking area on right, then continue to main parking lot at Cottonwood Marsh. A special new leader to guide us! Birding editor!

April 13, Sunday

Chatfield State Park

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth (303-278-7172)

Meet at 0730 at the swim beach. Three-quarter-day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks pass needed. Maybe migrants will be on our list.

April 19, Saturday

Roxborough State Park

Leaders: Lee Ann and Bob Brown (303-791-6204)

Meet at 0800 at Visitors' Center. State Parks pass needed. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Looking for those "early birds."

April 20, Sunday EASTER-no trip

April 26, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Limited number of participants. Call leader for instructions. Glad we can now schedule Arsenal trips-

April 27, Sunday

Along St. Vrain and South Platte Rivers

Leaders: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet at 0830. Go north on I-25 to Longmont, exit 240 (Highway 119); meet at Wendy's on northeast corner. Full-day trip; bring lunch. Raptors, etc.! Linger ducks and possibly migrating shorebirds.

John Flavin proposes a June field trip to South Dakota

I am planning a field trip during the third week of June to South Dakota.

I plan to leave on Sunday, the 15th and spend the first night in Bowman, ND. The following day we will visit a site where I expect to see nesting golden eagles, prairie falcons, prairie merlins, northern harriers, and other raptors.

We will next go to Lemmon, SD where we will see ground nesting ferruginous hawks. We will see many chestnut-collared longspurs, lark buntings, and some grasshopper sparrows and horned larks. Also possible are upland sandpipers, Baird's sparrow, Sprague's pippit, and short-eared owl.

Anyone interested in joining me, please contact me evenings at 303-412-1306 or at john_flavin@netzero.com



Welcome New Member!

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TO OFFSET LARK BUNTING PRINTING COSTS : Tuesday Birders

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None this month

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Field Trip Summaries for February 2003

February 1, Saturday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** John Flavin, Peggy Gonder, Chuck Lowrie, Dick Maxfield, Bob and Judy Miller, Lu Picher, Dick Pratt, Buzz Schaumberg, Lynn Solomon, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 50 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, agricultural. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; wind 0-20 mph; temp. 30-65 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 4818 Individuals.

February 2, Sunday (CCK)

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Nita Beckman, Debbie Kennedy. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast; wind NE, 0-20 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1953 Individuals.

February 2, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 73 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains. **Weather:** cloudy; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 36-42 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 855 Individuals.

February 8, Saturday (FFR)

Feeder Frolic

Leader(s): Bob Spencer. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes and urban. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind calm; temp. 30 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1981 Individuals.

February 15, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River Ramblings

Leader(s): Frances Sperl. **Observers:** Peggy Fitzgerald, Peter Fretchel. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Light snow; wind NE, 0-3 mph; temp. 29-35 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1265 Individuals.

February 16, Sunday (BEL)

Belmar Historic Park

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Calaine Ohmert, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban park, grassland, riparian, lake; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 30-51 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 319 Individuals.

February 22, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader(s): Calaine Ohmert. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Jeff Herzog, Karleen Schofield. **Time:** 0800-1340. **Distance:** 21 miles by car, 1.2 miles on foot. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SE, 4 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 940 Individuals.

February 23, Sunday (BHR)

Boulder Hawk Run

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Bill and Becky Eeds, Joan Kyphos, Mary Stallings, Peter Fretchel, Pat Ryan, Jackie King, David Laliberte, Marci Millikan, Bob and Ru Wing, Victor Luna. **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 70 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Cloudy with light snow; wind not noted; temp. 18 °F. **Totals:** 8 (only raptors counted) Species, 109 Individuals.

Field Trip Summaries for February 2003, continued

Tuesday Birders

February 4, Tuesday (SPR)

Hudson Gardens and South on the South Platte River

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, Russian Olive, gardens. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind N, 0-3 mph; temp. 19-32 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 1351 Individuals.

February 11, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind NW, 0-7 mph; temp. 29-35 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 893 Individuals.

February 18, Tuesday (SPR)

Florida Ave. and South Platte River

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow, bicycle trail; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind N, 0-4 mph; temp. 32-44 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 706 Individuals.

February 25, Tuesday (RRO)

Red Rocks and Morrison Park

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 12. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, shrubland, riparian, city park; elev. 5800-6360'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind E, 0-7 mph; temp. 26-40 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 183 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, February 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	2	8	15	16	22	23	4	11	18	25	
	LON	CKK	BLP	FFR	SPR	BEL	CHA	BHR	SPR	WRG	SPR	WTN	
Pied-billed Grebe									3	1			4
Horned Grebe							1						1
Great Blue Heron	13	1					1		3		1		19
Black-crowned Night-Heron									2		2		4
Canada Goose	1360	225	170	1516	38	27	360		1175	200	290		5361
Wood Duck				30						4			34
Gadwall	19			10	124		3		16	16	70		258
American Wigeon	12			8	77		2		12	12	12		135
Mallard	292	34	24	120	42	18	48		53	110	23		764
Northern Shoveler					448	52				220	56		776
Northern Pintail	2	1			4								7
Green-winged Teal		5		2	53	1	4		10	2	20		97
Canvasback						5							5
Redhead	12						77						89
Ring-necked Duck	130				67	8			1	2	2		210
Lesser Scaup	3	6			6	1				8			24
Bufflehead	3			2	8	2			8	6	2		31
Common Goldeneye	27	21			40	12	43		1	20	8		172
Barrow's Goldeneye					5								5
Hooded Merganser		1			7					11	4		23
Common Merganser	2320	1050			31		53		1		2		3457
Red-breasted Merganser	5	2			4					5			16
Bald Eagle	24	17	2		5			27		1			76
Northern Harrier	1	3	1					5					10
Red-tailed Hawk	41	12	7			1	7	45	2	2	1	1	119
Ferruginous Hawk	2							9					11
Rough-legged Hawk	2		1					3					6
buteo sp.								2					2
Golden Eagle	2							7				2	11
American Kestrel	11	2	2			2	1	10	1		1		30
Prairie Falcon	1												1
Ring-necked Pheasant	7	3											10
Virginia Rail										1			1
American Coot		12					40		1	45	2		100
Killdeer					3		2		1		2		8
Ring-billed Gull	78	110	7	8	75	36	50		7	85	16		472
California Gull		4											4
Herring Gull	2	2											4
Thayer's Gull		1											1
Rock Dove	28	12	60	8	20	26	4		6	2	35	5	206
Mourning Dove										7			7
Great Horned Owl			1					1					2
Belted Kingfisher	3				2	1	3		5	2	2	1	19
Downy Woodpecker	1	2		1	1	1	2			5	4	2	19
Hairy Woodpecker											1		1
Northern Flicker	3	14	2	7		4	4		3	18	4	5	64
"Red-shafted" race		(14)	(2)	(7)		(4)	(4)						(31)

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

Field Trip Summary Table, February 2003 continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1 LON	2 CCK	2 BLP	0 FFR	15 SPR	16 BEL	22 CHA	23 BHR	4 SPR	11 WRG	18 SPR	25 WTN	
Northern Shrike		2					2						4
Steller's Jay				2								2	4
Blue Jay	1	1		4					1	1	1		9
Western Scrub-Jay				5								17	22
Black-billed Magpie	5	40	38	27	15	17	30		8	26	12	6	224
American Crow	7	30	26	10	1	29	9		1	2	45	10	170
Common Raven												2	2
Horned Lark	50		20				4						74
Black-capped Chickadee		3		4		8	15		4	10	10	25	79
Mountain Chickadee				1									1
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		1						2		2	7
Brown Creeper		1									7		8
Canyon Wren												1	1
American Dipper											1	3	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1		1				2		4
Mountain Bluebird												15	15
Townsend's Solitaire												5	5
American Robin		2	1	1					2	2	3	1	12
European Starling	116	45		45	167	15	155		3	15	11	1	573
Yellow-rumped Warbler							1				3		4
Common Yellowthroat									1				1
Spotted Towhee				1								2	3
American Tree Sparrow	15	106		1								3	125
Song Sparrow	3	2		1	4	3	8		8	4	4	5	42
Swamp Sparrow							1						1
White-crowned Sparrow		1											1
Dark-eyed Junco		16		21		4				6	35	30	112
"White-winged" race		(1)		(3)						(1)			(5)
"Slate-colored" race		(3)				(1)						(2)	(6)
"Oregon" race				(3)		(1)					(14)	(2)	(20)
"Pink-sided" race		(12)		(11)		(2)					(10)		(35)
"Gray-headed" race				(4)									(4)
Red-winged Blackbird	181	135	425	26	8	27	6		2	28	8		846
Western Meadowlark	4	1	42		1		1						49
Brewer's Blackbird			1										1
House Finch	4	6		38		19	2		7	10		16	102
Pine Siskin												1	1
American Goldfinch		15		5									20
House Sparrow	28	5	25	76	8				3	2	4	20	171
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4818	1953	855	1981	1265	319	940	109	1351	893	706	183	15,374
TOTAL SPECIES	39	41	19	29	29	24	32	8	31	36	37	26	80

Additional Reports

Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/1	1 2nd year	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Eurasian Collared Dove	2/17	1m, 1f	Veronica Holt's feeder area	Elbert	Veronica Holt
Greater Roadrunner	2/22	1	Pueblo West in Brandon Percival's backyard	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Say's Phoebe	2/1	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Dave Johnson
Loggerhead Shrike	2/20 & 23	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Rock Wren	2/15	1	Tunnel Drive in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Marsh Wren	2/22-27	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Varied Thrush	2/16	1f	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Curve-billed Thrasher	22 Feb	1	Pueblo West in Brandon Percival's backyard	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Pipit	1 Feb	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	15 Feb	1	Tunnel Drive in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Lincoln's Sparrow	22-27 Feb	2-3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Swamp Sparrow	22-27 Feb	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Snow Bunting	2/1 & 15	1 winter m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	2/21-2/22	50+	Kings Valley	Jefferson	Albert Koewing
Black Rosy-Finch	2/21	2	Kings Valley	Jefferson	Albert Koewing
Red Crossbill	2/2	1m	Veronica Holt's feeder area	Elbert	first sighting at feeder since 1984 by Veronica Holt

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type, A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage. Send your sightings to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com

Rare Bird Alert List

The birds listed below should be reported to the RBA. Hotline either by phone or email. The RBA is sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists: 1-303-659-8750; email: rba@cfo-link.org

Red-throated Loon
 * Pacific Loon
 Yellow-billed Loon
 Red-necked Grebe
 Brown Pelican
 Olivaceous Cormorant
 Anhinga
 Magnificent Frigatebird
 Least Bittern
 Little Blue Heron
 Tricolored Heron
 Reddish Egret
 * Green Heron
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
 White Ibis

Glossy Ibis
 Roseate Spoonbill
 Wood Stork
 Fulvous Whistling Duck
 * Tundra Swan
 Trumpeter Swan
 Greater White-fronted Goose
 * Ross's Goose
 Brant
 Garganey
 Eurasian Wigeon
 Greater Scaup
 Harlequin Duck
 Oldsquaw
 Black Scoter

Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 * Barrow's Goldeneye
 * Osprey
 American Swallow-tailed Kite
 * Northern Goshawk
 Common Black Hawk
 Harris' Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk
 Crested Caracara
 * Merlin
 * Peregrine Falcon
 Gyrfalcon
 Ruffed Grouse

Rare Bird Alert List , continued

Yellow Rail
 Black Rail
 King Rail
 Purple Gallinule
 Whooping Crane
 American Golden-Plover
 *Snowy Plover
 *Piping Plover
 Eskimo Curlew
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Red Knot
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Dunlin
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Ruff
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 American Woodcock
 Red Phalarope
 Pomarine Jaeger
 Parasitic Jaeger
 Long-tailed Jaeger
 Laughing Gull
 Little Gull
 Common Black-headed Gull
 Mew Gull
 * Thayer's Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Glaucous-winged Gull
 Glaucous Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 Black-legged Kittiwake
 Ross's Gull
 Sabine's Gull
 Ivory Gull
 Caspian Tern
 Arctic Tern
 *Least Tern
 Long-billed Murrelet
 Ancient Murrelet
 * Eurasian Collared Dove
 White-winged Dove
 Inca Dove
 Black-billed Cuckoo
 *Greater Roadrunner
 Groove-billed Ani
 *Flammulated Owl
 Snowy Owl
 Northern Pygmy-Owl
 Spotted Owl
 Barred Owl
 * Long-eared Owl
 * Short-eared Owl
 * Boreal Owl
 * Northern Saw-whet Owl
 Lesser Nighthawk
 Whip-poor-will
 Blue-throated Hummingbird
 Magnificent Hummingbird

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Calliope Hummingbird
 Acorn Woodpecker
 *Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 *Ladder-backed Woodpecker
 Three-toed Woodpecker
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Alder Flycatcher
 Buff-breasted Flycatcher
 Black Phoebe
 *Eastern Phoebe
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 * Cassin's Kingbird
 Thick-billed Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 *Purple Martin
 * Chihuahuan Raven
 Carolina Wren
 Winter Wren
 Sedge Wren
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 Varied Thrush
 * Long-billed Thrasher
 Bendire's Thrasher
 *Curve-billed Thrasher
 Sprague's Pipit
 Bohemian Waxwing
 Phainopepla
 White-eyed Vireo
 *Bell's Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Cassin's Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 * Nashville Warbler
 Lucy's Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Magnolia Warbler
 Cape May Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Black-throated Gray Warbler
 * Townsend's Warbler
 Hermit Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler
 * Black-and-white Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Swainson's Warbler
 * Ovenbird
 * Northern Waterthrush
 Louisiana Waterthrush
 Kentucky Warbler
 Connecticut Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 Hooded Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Red-faced Warbler
 Painted Redstart
 *Hepatic Tanager
 Summer Tanager
 Scarlet Tanager
 *Northern Cardinal
 Pyrrhuloxia
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 * Indigo Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Eastern Towhee
 *Rufous-crowned Sparrow
 *Black-throated Sparrow
 *Sage Sparrow
 Baird's Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Le Conte's Sparrow
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 * Swamp Sparrow
 * White-throated Sparrow
 Golden-crowned Sparrow
 * Harris's Sparrow
 Lapland Longspur
 Snow Bunting
 Eastern Meadowlark
 Rusty Blackbird
 Bronzed Cowbird
 *Scott's Oriole
 Brambling
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
 Black Rosy Finch
 Purple Finch
 White-winged Crossbill
 Common Redpoll

* indicates species that may be put on the RBA depending on location and season as well as the length of the report. Species at known breeding sites will not generally be included on the report. Owls in known roosting sites or in nesting areas will generally not be listed.

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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

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Hugh Kingery Estimating Bird Numbers Feature speaker of the month Wednesday April 2nd 2003

Atlas Editor Hugh Kingery directed the Colorado Atlas from its inception in 1987. His editing endeavors have ranged from a boy scout newsletter to CFO's *Journal to Trail and Timberline*, magazine of The Colorado Mountain Club. (He also wrote a book on the club's history.) Over the years the Mountain Club, Denver Audubon Society, and the Denver Field Ornithologists each elected him as President. *American Birds* carried his byline as Regional Editor for the Mountain West from 1972 to 1996. For the AOU's *Birds of North America* he wrote the monograph on the American Dipper.



Hugh Kingery has written Backyard Birds for the newsletter of the Audubon Society of Greater Denver for 15 years. During that time he also directed the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas project and edited the Atlas publication. He currently writes a column on Colorado birds that appears weekly in the Lifestyles section of the Sunday Denver Post.

Our May 7 speaker will be Ken Strom from the Audubon Society.



DFO Field Trips for April 2003

April 5, Saturday

Carson Nature Center-South Platte Park

Leader: Dee Gielisson (303-730-1022 work / 303-973-4934 home)

Meet at 0830 at Nature Center, off intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe, just west of light-rail station. Half-day; lunch optional. Varied habitats and led by an enthusiastic leader.

April 6, Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Big Dry Creek area in Westminster

Leader: John Flavin (303-412-1306) Meet at 0800 west of the library at west end of Front Range Community College, located on 112th Ave., between Sheridan Blvd. and Federal Blvd. Easy hike on paved trails. Half-day trip; lunch optional.

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This March issue of Lark Bunting is late due to a "melt down" of this editor's computer. We have therefore combined the March and April issue. The May issue will include May field trips, and report summaries of the previous month.
Remember to check the web site for last minute information.

DFO Field Trips for March 2003, continued

April 9, Wednesday

Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge

Leader: Tamie Bulow (303-462-1238)

Meet at 0900 at Hawk Watch parking lot. Take I-70 west to Morrison exit. Go left at light at exit ramp, then left at second turn into parking lot (at southeast quadrant of intersection). Uphill walk is approximately one-half mile. Dress in layers. Bring water and lunch, and we'll eat up there. More than hawks!

April 12, Saturday

Boulder County

Leader: Ted Floyd (303-444-6365)

Meet at 0800 at Walden Ponds main parking area, directly across from Cottonwood Marsh. From Denver, go west on U.S. 36 to Foothills Parkway exit (SR 157). Travel north for 1.9 miles; turn right (east) on Arapahoe Rd. (SR 7); continue east for 2.8 miles; turn left (north) on 95th St. for 2.2 miles; turn left (west) on Walden Ponds Rd. Pass small parking area on right, then continue to main parking lot at Cottonwood Marsh. A special new leader to guide us! Birding editor!

April 13, Sunday

Chatfield State Park

Leaders: Ira Sanders and Tammy Ellsworth (303-278-7172)

Meet at 0730 at the swim beach. Three-quarter-day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks pass needed. Maybe migrants will be on our list.

April 19, Saturday

Roxborough State Park

Leaders: Lee Ann and Bob Brown (303-791-6204)

Meet at 0800 at Visitors' Center. State Parks pass needed. Half-day trip; lunch optional. Looking for those "early birds."

April 20, Sunday EASTER-no trip

April 26, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Limited number of participants. Call leader for instructions. Glad we can now schedule Arsenal trips-

April 27, Sunday

Along St. Vrain and South Platte Rivers

Leaders: Dick Pratt (303-651-6860)

Meet at 0830. Go north on I-25 to Longmont, exit 240 (Highway 119); meet at Wendy's on northeast corner. Full-day trip; bring lunch. Raptors, etc.! Linger ducks and possibly migrating shorebirds.

John Flavin proposes a June field trip to South Dakota

I am planning a field trip during the third week of June to South Dakota.

I plan to leave on Sunday, the 15th and spend the first night in Bowman, ND. The following day we will visit a site where I expect to see nesting golden eagles, prairie falcons, prairie merlins, northern harriers, and other raptors.

We will next go to Lemmon, SD where we will see ground nesting ferruginous hawks. We will see many chestnut-collared longspurs, lark buntings, and some grasshopper sparrows and horned larks. Also possible are upland sandpipers, Baird's sparrow, Sprague's pippit, and short-eared owl.

Anyone interested in joining me, please contact me evenings at 303-412-1306 or at john_flavin@netzero.com



Welcome New Member!

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None this month

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Field Trip Summaries for February 2003

February 1, Saturday (LON)

Longmont Area

Leader(s): Chris Owens and Rich Mendez. **Observers:** John Flavin, Peggy Gonder, Chuck Lowrie, Dick Maxfield, Bob and Judy Miller, Lu Picher, Dick Pratt, Buzz Schaumberg, Lynn Solomon, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 50 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, agricultural. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy; wind 0-20 mph; temp. 30-65 °F. **Totals:** 39 Species, 4818 Individuals.

February 2, Sunday (CCK)

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader(s): Steve Kennedy. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Nita Beckman, Debbie Kennedy. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast; wind NE, 0-20 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 41 Species, 1953 Individuals.

February 2, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 73 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains. **Weather:** cloudy; wind NW, 0-10 mph; temp. 36-42 °F. **Totals:** 19 Species, 855 Individuals.

February 8, Saturday (FFR)

Feeder Frolic

Leader(s): Bob Spencer. **Observers:** None. **Time:** 0800-1330. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes and urban. **Weather:** Mostly clear; wind calm; temp. 30 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1981 Individuals.

February 15, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River Ramblings

Leader(s): Frances Sperl. **Observers:** Peggy Fitzgerald, Peter Fretchel. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 8 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Weather:** Light snow; wind NE, 0-3 mph; temp. 29-35 °F. **Totals:** 29 Species, 1265 Individuals.

February 16, Sunday (BEL)

Belmar Historic Park

Leader(s): Karleen Schofield. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Calaine Ohmert, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Urban park, grassland, riparian, lake; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Clear; wind calm; temp. 30-51 °F. **Totals:** 24 Species, 319 Individuals.

February 22, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader(s): Calaine Ohmert. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Jeff Herzog, Karleen Schofield. **Time:** 0800-1340. **Distance:** 21 miles by car, 1.2 miles on foot. **Weather:** Partly cloudy; wind SE, 4 mph; temp. 30-45 °F. **Totals:** 32 Species, 940 Individuals.

February 23, Sunday (BHR)

Boulder Hawk Run

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Bill and Becky Eeds, Joan Kyphos, Mary Stallings, Peter Fretchel, Pat Ryan, Jackie King, David Laliberte, Marci Millikan, Bob and Ru Wing, Victor Luna. **Time:** 0900-1700. **Distance:** 70 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Weather:** Cloudy with light snow; wind not noted; temp. 18 °F. **Totals:** 8 (only raptors counted) Species, 109 Individuals.

Field Trip Summaries for February 2003, continued

Tuesday Birders

February 4, Tuesday (SPR)

Hudson Gardens and South on the South Platte River

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** gravel pits, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, Russian Olive, gardens. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind N, 0-3 mph; temp. 19-32 °F. **Totals:** 31 Species, 1351 Individuals.

February 11, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, lakes, cottonwood, willow, cattails; elev. 5386'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind NW, 0-7 mph; temp. 29-35 °F. **Totals:** 36 Species, 893 Individuals.

February 18, Tuesday (SPR)

Florida Ave. and South Platte River

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 0 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow, bicycle trail; elev. 5300'. **Weather:** Cloudy; wind N, 0-4 mph; temp. 32-44 °F. **Totals:** 37 Species, 706 Individuals.

February 25, Tuesday (RRO)

Red Rocks and Morrison Park

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 12. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, shrubland, riparian, city park; elev. 5800-6360'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny; wind E, 0-7 mph; temp. 26-40 °F. **Totals:** 26 Species, 183 Individuals.

Monna Krebs (Compiler)

Field Trip Summary Table, February 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1	2	2	8	15	16	22	23	4	11	18	25	
	LON	CKK	BLP	FFR	SPR	BEL	CHA	BHR	SPR	WRG	SPR	WTN	
Pied-billed Grebe									3	1			4
Horned Grebe							1						1
Great Blue Heron	13	1					1		3		1		19
Black-crowned Night-Heron									2		2		4
Canada Goose	1360	225	170	1516	38	27	360		1175	200	290		5361
Wood Duck				30						4			34
Gadwall	19			10	124		3		16	16	70		258
American Wigeon	12			8	77		2		12	12	12		135
Mallard	292	34	24	120	42	18	48		53	110	23		764
Northern Shoveler					448	52				220	56		776
Northern Pintail	2	1			4								7
Green-winged Teal		5		2	53	1	4		10	2	20		97
Canvasback						5							5
Redhead	12						77						89
Ring-necked Duck	130				67	8			1	2	2		210
Lesser Scaup	3	6			6	1				8			24
Bufflehead	3			2	8	2			8	6	2		31
Common Goldeneye	27	21			40	12	43		1	20	8		172
Barrow's Goldeneye					5								5
Hooded Merganser		1			7					11	4		23
Common Merganser	2320	1050			31		53		1		2		3457
Red-breasted Merganser	5	2			4					5			16
Bald Eagle	24	17	2		5			27		1			76
Northern Harrier	1	3	1					5					10
Red-tailed Hawk	41	12	7			1	7	45	2	2	1	1	119
Ferruginous Hawk	2							9					11
Rough-legged Hawk	2		1					3					6
buteo sp.								2					2
Golden Eagle	2							7				2	11
American Kestrel	11	2	2			2	1	10	1		1		30
Prairie Falcon	1												1
Ring-necked Pheasant	7	3											10
Virginia Rail										1			1
American Coot		12					40		1	45	2		100
Killdeer					3		2		1		2		8
Ring-billed Gull	78	110	7	8	75	36	50		7	85	16		472
California Gull		4											4
Herring Gull	2	2											4
Thayer's Gull		1											1
Rock Dove	28	12	60	8	20	26	4		6	2	35	5	206
Mourning Dove										7			7
Great Horned Owl			1					1					2
Belted Kingfisher	3				2	1	3		5	2	2	1	19
Downy Woodpecker	1	2		1	1	1	2			5	4	2	19
Hairy Woodpecker											1		1
Northern Flicker	3	14	2	7		4	4		3	18	4	5	64
"Red-shafted" race		(14)	(2)	(7)		(4)	(4)						(31)

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

Field Trip Summary Table, February 2003 continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1 LON	2 CCK	2 BLP	0 FFR	15 SPR	16 BEL	22 CHA	23 BHR	4 SPR	11 WRG	18 SPR	25 WTN	
Northern Shrike		2					2						4
Steller's Jay				2								2	4
Blue Jay	1	1		4					1	1	1		9
Western Scrub-Jay				5								17	22
Black-billed Magpie	5	40	38	27	15	17	30		8	26	12	6	224
American Crow	7	30	26	10	1	29	9		1	2	45	10	170
Common Raven												2	2
Horned Lark	50		20				4						74
Black-capped Chickadee		3		4		8	15		4	10	10	25	79
Mountain Chickadee				1									1
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		1						2		2	7
Brown Creeper		1									7		8
Canyon Wren												1	1
American Dipper											1	3	4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1		1				2		4
Mountain Bluebird												15	15
Townsend's Solitaire												5	5
American Robin		2	1	1					2	2	3	1	12
European Starling	116	45		45	167	15	155		3	15	11	1	573
Yellow-rumped Warbler							1				3		4
Common Yellowthroat									1				1
Spotted Towhee				1								2	3
American Tree Sparrow	15	106		1								3	125
Song Sparrow	3	2		1	4	3	8		8	4	4	5	42
Swamp Sparrow							1						1
White-crowned Sparrow		1											1
Dark-eyed Junco		16		21		4				6	35	30	112
"White-winged" race		(1)		(3)						(1)			(5)
"Slate-colored" race		(3)				(1)						(2)	(6)
"Oregon" race				(3)		(1)					(14)	(2)	(20)
"Pink-sided" race		(12)		(11)		(2)					(10)		(35)
"Gray-headed" race				(4)									(4)
Red-winged Blackbird	181	135	425	26	8	27	6		2	28	8		846
Western Meadowlark	4	1	42		1		1						49
Brewer's Blackbird			1										1
House Finch	4	6		38		19	2		7	10		16	102
Pine Siskin												1	1
American Goldfinch		15		5									20
House Sparrow	28	5	25	76	8				3	2	4	20	171
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4818	1953	855	1981	1265	319	940	109	1351	893	706	183	15,374
TOTAL SPECIES	39	41	19	29	29	24	32	8	31	36	37	26	80

Additional Reports

Lesser Black-backed Gull	2/1	1 2nd year	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Eurasian Collared Dove	2/17	1m, 1f	Veronica Holt's feeder area	Elbert	Veronica Holt
Greater Roadrunner	2/22	1	Pueblo West in Brandon Percival's backyard	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Say's Phoebe	2/1	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Dave Johnson
Loggerhead Shrike	2/20 & 23	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Rock Wren	2/15	1	Tunnel Drive in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Marsh Wren	2/22-27	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Varied Thrush	2/16	1f	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Curve-billed Thrasher	22 Feb	1	Pueblo West in Brandon Percival's backyard	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Pipit	1 Feb	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	15 Feb	1	Tunnel Drive in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Lincoln's Sparrow	22-27 Feb	2-3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Swamp Sparrow	22-27 Feb	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Snow Bunting	2/1 & 15	1 winter m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	2/21-2/22	50+	Kings Valley	Jefferson	Albert Koewing
Black Rosy-Finch	2/21	2	Kings Valley	Jefferson	Albert Koewing
Red Crossbill	2/2	1m	Veronica Holt's feeder area	Elbert	first sighting at feeder since 1984 by Veronica Holt

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in bold type, A=adult, I=immature, m=male, f=female, s=singing, bas=basic plumage, alt=alternate plumage. Send your sightings to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com

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Red-throated Loon
 * Pacific Loon
 Yellow-billed Loon
 Red-necked Grebe
 Brown Pelican
 Olivaceous Cormorant
 Anhinga
 Magnificent Frigatebird
 Least Bittern
 Little Blue Heron
 Tricolored Heron
 Reddish Egret
 * Green Heron
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
 White Ibis

Glossy Ibis
 Roseate Spoonbill
 Wood Stork
 Fulvous Whistling Duck
 * Tundra Swan
 Trumpeter Swan
 Greater White-fronted Goose
 * Ross's Goose
 Brant
 Garganey
 Eurasian Wigeon
 Greater Scaup
 Harlequin Duck
 Oldsquaw
 Black Scoter

Surf Scoter
 White-winged Scoter
 * Barrow's Goldeneye
 * Osprey
 American Swallow-tailed Kite
 * Northern Goshawk
 Common Black Hawk
 Harris' Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk
 Crested Caracara
 * Merlin
 * Peregrine Falcon
 Gyrfalcon
 Ruffed Grouse

Rare Bird Alert List , continued

Yellow Rail
 Black Rail
 King Rail
 Purple Gallinule
 Whooping Crane
 American Golden-Plover
 *Snowy Plover
 *Piping Plover
 Eskimo Curlew
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Ruddy Turnstone
 Red Knot
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Dunlin
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper
 Ruff
 Short-billed Dowitcher
 American Woodcock
 Red Phalarope
 Pomarine Jaeger
 Parasitic Jaeger
 Long-tailed Jaeger
 Laughing Gull
 Little Gull
 Common Black-headed Gull
 Mew Gull
 * Thayer's Gull
 Lesser Black-backed Gull
 Glaucous-winged Gull
 Glaucous Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 Black-legged Kittiwake
 Ross's Gull
 Sabine's Gull
 Ivory Gull
 Caspian Tern
 Arctic Tern
 *Least Tern
 Long-billed Murrelet
 Ancient Murrelet
 * Eurasian Collared Dove
 White-winged Dove
 Inca Dove
 Black-billed Cuckoo
 *Greater Roadrunner
 Groove-billed Ani
 *Flammulated Owl
 Snowy Owl
 Northern Pygmy-Owl
 Spotted Owl
 Barred Owl
 * Long-eared Owl
 * Short-eared Owl
 * Boreal Owl
 * Northern Saw-whet Owl
 Lesser Nighthawk
 Whip-poor-will
 Blue-throated Hummingbird
 Magnificent Hummingbird

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Anna's Hummingbird
 Calliope Hummingbird
 Acorn Woodpecker
 *Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 *Ladder-backed Woodpecker
 Three-toed Woodpecker
 Eastern Wood-Pewee
 Alder Flycatcher
 Buff-breasted Flycatcher
 Black Phoebe
 *Eastern Phoebe
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 * Cassin's Kingbird
 Thick-billed Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 *Purple Martin
 * Chihuahuan Raven
 Carolina Wren
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 Gray-cheeked Thrush
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 Sprague's Pipit
 Bohemian Waxwing
 Phainopepla
 White-eyed Vireo
 *Bell's Vireo
 Blue-headed Vireo
 Cassin's Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Philadelphia Vireo
 Blue-winged Warbler
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 * Nashville Warbler
 Lucy's Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Magnolia Warbler
 Cape May Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Black-throated Gray Warbler
 * Townsend's Warbler
 Hermit Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Prairie Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler
 Cerulean Warbler
 * Black-and-white Warbler
 Prothonotary Warbler
 Worm-eating Warbler
 Swainson's Warbler
 * Ovenbird
 * Northern Waterthrush
 Louisiana Waterthrush
 Kentucky Warbler
 Connecticut Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 Hooded Warbler
 Canada Warbler
 Red-faced Warbler
 Painted Redstart
 *Hepatic Tanager
 Summer Tanager
 Scarlet Tanager
 *Northern Cardinal
 Pyrrhuloxia
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 * Indigo Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Eastern Towhee
 *Rufous-crowned Sparrow
 *Black-throated Sparrow
 *Sage Sparrow
 Baird's Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Le Conte's Sparrow
 Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
 Fox Sparrow
 * Swamp Sparrow
 * White-throated Sparrow
 Golden-crowned Sparrow
 * Harris's Sparrow
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 Snow Bunting
 Eastern Meadowlark
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 Purple Finch
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* indicates species that may be put on the RBA depending on location and season as well as the length of the report. Species at known breeding sites will not generally be included on the report. Owls in known roosting sites or in nesting areas will generally not be listed.

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Upcoming Field Trips

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct: Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, compiled by Diane Lane, 1910 S Grant St., Denver, CO 80210, delane@pcsisys.net

Feb, May, Aug, Nov includes Spring count schedule, scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook, 8511 W Star Circle, Littleton, CO 80128, cris@pcsisys.net

Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec includes fall and Christmas count schedules, scheduled by Dianna Johnston, compiled by Kim Sawyer, 4617 S. Flanders Way, Centennial CO 80115, kimmer815@aol.com

! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.424.2144 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.geocities.com/dfobirders.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.424.2144, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge is .10 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

\$5 ☐ Student Membership (age 18 or younger)

☐ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert \$_____

☐ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund \$_____

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May 2003

Colorado's Important Bird Areas Wednesday May 7

Ken Strom will discuss the Colorado Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program, which has so far recognized 53 IBA sites statewide. Our state's IBA Program is part of a global effort to identify the key habitat areas around the world for sustaining bird species and populations. Ken will explain how sites are identified, how their IBA status contributes to their long-term conservation, and what lies ahead for the IBA Program. In particular, he will focus on how birders and the general public can actively participate in IBA efforts throughout Colorado, with a look at the variety of locations that are included in our IBA network and some of the priority habitats and bird species in need of conservation action.

Ken is the Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Colorado. His responsibilities include overseeing the Colorado Important Bird Areas Program. A graduate of Cornell University, Ken is an ecologist who has specialized in the management and restoration of rivers and wetland habitats for waterbirds and other wildlife. For over a decade he managed Audubon's Rowe Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat for Whooping Cranes, Sandhill Cranes and shorebirds on the Platte River in Nebraska. More recently, he was the Director of Audubon's Population & Habitat Program, which works to address the impacts of population growth on wildlife habitats around the world.



DFO Field Trips for May 2003

Saturday, May 3

Crow Valley and Lower Latham

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0600 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant located off I-76 at the Hudson exit. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip so bring lunch and extra water. This trip should see lots of migrants and shorebirds.

Sunday, May 4

Longmont/Lyons Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez, 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at the Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th and Pace. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot. This will be a three-quarter to full day trip so bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass needed.

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Note:

The May presentation by Ken Strom is the last of our meetings until the fall. Applause and thanks to Toni Rautus for all her work in researching and scheduling these high quality feature presentations.

DFO Field Trips for March 2003, continued

Saturday, May 10 Spring Count!

Sunday, May 11 Spring Count!

Wednesday, May 14

Belmar Historic Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

Meet leader at 0700 for an early morning walk and bird around the grounds. This walk should end around 1000 although you are welcome to stay longer. The park is located at 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake.

Saturday, May 17

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0730 at fee station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 ½ miles south of C-470. All day trip, bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday, May 18

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center for a 3 1/2 hour walking tour on an easy trail. Should see golden eagles and species common in the foothills. State Parks Pass required or \$4 entrance fee per car. Lunch will be optional but there is a beautiful place to sit on the patio and watch the birds as you eat lunch.

Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles)

Sunday, May 18

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800 for a half-day trip (lunch is optional.) State Parks Pass is required. This trip involves easy walking on trails. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road then turn south for approx. 2 miles to park entrance.

Wednesday, May 21

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682

Meet leader at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Avenue just east of Robb St. This will be an easy hike on mostly paved trails. Trip will probably finish by noon, lunch is optional.

Friday, May 23; Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25

Bonnie Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter 303-692-8529

Meet leader at 1700 Friday night at Fosters Campground at Bonnie Reservoir. Will set up camp there and bird. Will bird all day Saturday commencing at 0830 as well as Sunday morning. Will leave to return to Denver Sunday afternoon. Bring camping gear, food and beverages for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is possible to stay in a motel in Idelia or Burlington.

DFO Field Trips for March 2003, continued**Saturday, May 24*****Rocky Mountain Arsenal*****Leader:** Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal is again permitting wildlife viewing trips. There are a limited number of participants who will be allowed to ride in the van and the trips tend to fill up quickly so contact the leader for reservations and meeting information. Dave Rhoades is a naturalist who volunteers at the RMA. The trip is planned for morning and early afternoon so bring lunch and extra water.

Sunday, May 25***Hutton Lake NWR, Wyoming*****Leader:** Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader at Barbour Ponds State Park off I-25 at the Longmont exit at 0800. Will meet in front of the restrooms near the entrance station. Will drive to Hutton Lake, which is an almost deserted wildlife refuge near Laramie. Bring lunch, snacks and extra water for a long day; we may stop for dinner at a moderately priced restaurant before returning to Denver. High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended, especially if the weather has been rainy or snowy.

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day***Rigli Ranch*****Leader:** Joe Rigli, 970-768-7121

Meet to car pool from Denver at 0700 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway. Meet leader at the ranch by 0900 and bring lunch and extra water for an all day trip. From Denver, take East I-76 to Hudson; Exit 31 (C-52). Go east on C-52 for approx. 32 miles until it turns north, do NOT turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F for another 14 miles to CR 14. Turn left (north) on CR 14 and go about 2 miles to the first white house on the left (with 2 boxcars.)

Wednesday, May 28***Auraria Campus*****Leader:** Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0730 in front of the east facing doors at the South Classroom Building at the northwest corner of Kalamath and Colfax. There is metered parking available off St. Francis Way or it is very close to the Light Rail stop at the Auraria Campus. Will walk on sidewalks for about two hours and explore the wonderful trees that cover the campus. This trip is completely wheelchair accessible, the leader will be using an electric cart for mobility.

Saturday, May 31***Dry Creek Open Space*****Leader:** John Flavin, 303-415-1306

Meet leader at 0800 west of the Library at Front Range Community College, which is located on 112th between Federal and Sheridan Blyds. This will be an easy hike on paved trails. Half-day trip, lunch optional but bring water.

Scheduled by Jackie King, compiled by Cris Cook

WELCOME HOME VULTURES PARTY!



Sunday April 27, 3-6 p.m.

Sponsor: Friends of Castlewood Canyon State Park

Drop into the West side of the park to welcome the return of the Turkey Vultures.

Castlewood Canyon State Park hosts the largest flock of vultures in Colorado.

Masters of the air, these huge soaring carrion-eaters have a wing span of five and a half feet and fly for miles without flapping.

Identification Tips:

- Length: 25 inches Wingspan: 72 inches
- Sexes similar
- Very large, broad-winged, soaring bird
- Long and rounded tail
- Longish, hooked bill
- Rather short, thick legs
- Holds wings in a dihedral angle while soaring and gliding
- Spends most time soaring, infrequent flaps are slow and laborious
- Small, unfeathered head
- Plumage dark brown except for paler flight feathers, appearing black and gray
- Immature like adult

Take this opportunity to observe them and to learn about them from park naturalists. The park will provide telescopes for viewing. Short hikes to look at vultures and other early spring migrants. Refreshments served.

Parks pass required (\$5/day). If you'd like to come, please call the Park office to register -- 303-688-5242.

Directions: west one quarter mile from traffic light in Franktown on Colorado 86; just across Cherry Creek bridge, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road two miles to park entrance and another half mile to the welcome tables.

[This party will NOT occur at the park visitor center south of Franktown off Colorado 83.] We encourage you to carpool as the park has limited parking.



Change of Email Address

Please note a change of e-mail address of Glenn & Jeane Hageman to hageman1650@earthlink.net

Field Trip Summaries for March 2003

March 1, Saturday***Pueblo Reservoir & nearby Arkansas River (PUE)***

Leader(s): David Silverman. **Observers:** Mym Ackley, Ben Bustos, Bill Claspell, Tammy Ellsworth, Jack Harrison, Margie Joy, Mike Ketchen, Janice Kollath, George McKinnon, SeEtta Moss, Stand Oswald, Lori Palumbo, Brandon Percival, Ira Sanders, Mary and Richard Tucey, Yvonne Van Brakel, Barbara, John and Mark Yaeger, Sonny Zimmerman. **Time:** 0800-1600. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, ponds, river riparian, elev 4700'. **Weather:** morning clear, afternoon cloudy, wind calm, temp 25-47°F. **Totals:** 58 species, 2123 individuals.

March 2, Sunday***Boulder/Longmont - Raptors (BOU)***

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Chris Owerens, Richard Mendez, David Laliberte, Peter Spanberger. **Time:** 0900-?. **Distance:** 70 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoirs and surrounding areas. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40°F. **Totals:** 8 species, 153 individuals.

March 8, Saturday***Longmont (LON)***

Leader(s): Bill and Inez Prather. **Observers:** Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Richard Evans, Warren Finch, Mike Foster, Beverly Guild, Peggy Hankins, Gordon Hodgson, David and Janet Johnston, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jack Patterson, Dick Pratt, Marilyn Rhodes, Bob Santangelo, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** lakes, gravel ponds, river riparian, elev 5000'. **Weather:** clear, most sunny, 40-64°F. wind variable, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 2054 individuals.

March 9, Sunday***88th and South Platte River (PLA) (Report delayed)*****March 15, Saturday*****Red Rocks Park, Morrison Park and Genesee Park (RED)***

Leader(s): Steve Stachowiak. **Observers:** Joey Kellner, Mary Stallings, Grace Hahn, Sonia Hahn, Anne Southcott, Joyce and Ray Bonilla, Lou Pitcher. **Time:** 0800-1140. **Distance:** 22 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foot-hills, juniper to ponderosa pine/douglas fir, elev 6000-7000'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny, 35-45°F. **Totals:** 20 species, 89 individuals.

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Welcome New Members!

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Joan Kyhos, 4127 Florentine Drive, Longmont, CO 80503, 303.485.9102

Contributions

Colorado Rare Bird Alert

Bill and JoAnn Hackos
James Herold

Educational Endowment Fund

None this month

Thank you for your support—you help us keep these programs alive and well.

Field Trip Summaries March 2003, continued

March 16, Sunday *Waterton Canyon area, Platte River and Chatfield Reservoir (WAT)*
Leader(s): Sue Schulman. **Observers:** George Armbryst, Ursula Barsd, Alison Donnelly, Bob Hutchinson, Charlie Lawrence, Bobbie Lehr, Pat Ryan. **Time:** 0830-1330. **Distance:** 7 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, fields. **Weather:** Overcast, 41-61°F, no wind. **Totals:** 31 species, 273 individuals.

March 22, Saturday *Canon City (CAN)*
Leader(s): David Pantle. **Observers:** Mymm Ackley, George Armbrust, Amanda and Ben Bustos, Elaine and Melvin Emeigh, Warren Finch, George McKinnon, SeEtta Moss, Sherrill Pantle, Sue Schulman, Richard Stevens, Lynn Willcockson, Sonny Zimmerman. **Time:** 0845-1545. **Distance:** 22 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, lake, marsh, elev 5600'. **Weather:** clear, 40-65°F, wind calm. **Totals:** 50 species, 267 individuals.

March 23, Sunday *Jackson Reservoir, Crow Valley Campground, Latham Reservoir (JAC)*
Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Richard Mendez, Larry Modesitt, Chris Owens. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 180 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, elev 4500'. **Weather:** partly cloudy, 45-60°F, no wind, calm. **Totals:** 47 species, 4027 individuals.

March 29, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*
Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Peter Frechtel, Ellie Jones, Calaine Ohmert, Toni Rautus, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0800-1145. **Distance:** 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and lake, 5000'. **Weather:** partly cloudy to overcast, 30-42°F, wind 1-15 mph. **Totals:** 44 species, 1149 individuals.

March 30, Sunday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*
Leader(s): Beverlee Guild. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Allison Hilf, Toni Rautus, Karen von Saltza, Mary Stallings, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 13.8 miles by car; 1 mile on foot. **Weather:** Still to slightly breezy, partly cloudy, 31-46°F. **Totals:** 42 species, 1090 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

March 4 – Cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 11 *Bear Creek Greenbelt (Old Stone House)*
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 43 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails with grassy meadows, elev 5300'. **Weather:** mostly sunny, 57-64°F, wind NE, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 683 individuals.

March 18 – Cancelled due to inclement weather.

March 25 *Chatfield Nature Preserve*
Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 22 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields and 10 inches of snow on the ground, elev 5500'. **Weather:** mostly sunny, wind calm, 36-52°F. **Totals:** 27 species, 192 individuals.

Compiled by Debra Bogar.

Field Trip Summary Table, March 2003

SPECIES	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	1-Mar	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30	4	11	18	25	
DATE															
LOCATION	PUE	BOU	LON	PLA	RED	WAT	CAN	JAC	BAR	CHE					
Pied-billed Grebe	2														2
Horned Grebe	8								1						9
Eared Grebe	15									1					16
American White Pelican									8						8
Double-crested Cormorant									24	7					31
Great Blue Heron			32					8	1	1				2	44
Turkey Vulture										1					1
Snow Goose	1							107							108
"White morph"	1														(1)
"Blue morph"															(0)
Ross's Goose								6							6
Canada Goose	85		500			55	15	540	32	38		250		14	1529
Wood Duck	9														9
Gadwall	7		4					80	50	2		7			150
American Wigeon	46		8				1	15	6	9		5			90
Mallard	50		350		6	8	6	535	60	66		265		6	1352
Cinnamon Teal								2							2
Northern Shoveler			8					70	300	178		25			581
Northern Pintail	9		30			1		23	80	1					144
Green-winged Teal	14		50			1	6	51	6						128
Canvasback	5								2						7
Redhead	200		100				1	20	30	15					366
Ring-necked Duck			40						24	9					73
Greater Scaup	2														2
Lesser Scaup	15		10				7	25	18						75
Bufflehead	20							4	6	5					35
Common Goldeneye	25		1			4		7	12	2		2			53
Hooded Merganser	16						1					3			20
Common Merganser	200		100			2	3	4	1	122					432
Red-breasted Merganser	35		10												45
Ruddy Duck	2								5	1					8
Bald Eagle	7	50	60						13						130
Northern Harrier	1	2						5							8
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1									1			3
Cooper's Hawk						1									1
Red-tailed Hawk	4	50	10			3	4	12	5	8		1		6	103
western races	4		(10)				(4)								(18)
"Harlan's" race		1													(1)
"Krieger's" race															(0)

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=male, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

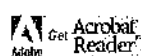
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	PUE	BOU	LON	PLA	RED	WAT	CAN	JAC	BAR	CHE					
Ferruginous Hawk		8	1						1	3					13
Rough-legged Hawk		2						2	1						5
Buteo sp.		2													2
Golden Eagle		15													15
American Kestrel		22	5			3	1	30	2	2		1		2	68
Merlin							1								1
Prairie Falcon					1										1
Ring-necked Pheasant			4					1	2	3					10
Wild Turkey							20	22							42
Scaled Quail	10						10								20
Virginia Rail							2								2
American Coot	4					49	31			131					215
Killdeer	2		1			5	2	11	5	3					29
Greater Yellowlegs								4							4
Wilson's Snipe			1												1
Ring-billed Gull	1100		30			26		1820	18	252					3246
California Gull	2								4	3					9
Herring Gull	3		6			1				1					11
Glaucous-winged Gull										1					1
Rock Dove	12		30		6	6	5	13		13		20		27	132
Eurasian Collared-dove							2	5							7
White-winged Dove			1												1
Mourning Dove	2						5	1	2						10
Great Horned Owl		2				1	1		1	2				1	8
Common Nighthawk							2								2
Belted Kingfisher	1		1			5	3					1			11
Downy Woodpecker					1	2		1	3			6		1	14

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From the Editor

From this issue forward we will be uploading each issue of the Lark Bunting onto our web site. Time spent at the printer, mailing house, and by necessity, bulk mail, takes at least three weeks from the time it leaves my computer and arrives at your house.



It will be in an Adobe file format, therefore you will need Adobe Reader to download, save and print the file. If you don't have this software, it is free at the Adobe site at <http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/main.html> click on "Get Adobe Reader".

As always we are interested in what you think of the newsletter, and what you would like to see more (or less) of. We will be assuming the responsibilities of maintaining the web site, so our request for feedback now includes the site: www.geocities.com/dfobirders

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Common Loon	3/7-24	2 bas	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Common Loon	3/25	1 alt	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Clark's Grebe	3/15	2	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
American White Pelican	3/29	75	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Stan Oswald
Greater Scaup	3/15	1 m, 1 f	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Barrow's Goldeneye	3/26	1m	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Osprey	3/18	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Avocet	3/29	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Stan Oswald
Greater Yellowlegs	3/24	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Baird's Sandpiper	3/29	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Stan Oswald
Franklin's Gull	3/18	6	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bonaparte's Gull	3/22	1 alt	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Thayer's Gull	3/29	1 juv	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Stan Oswald
Glaucous-winged Gull	3/29	1 1st yr	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, m.ob.
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3/15-30	1 to 2	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
White-winged Dove	3/29	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	Stan Oswald, Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards
Greater Roadrunner	3/29	1	West of Higbee	Otero	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Stan Oswald
Barn Owl	3/15-29	1-2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Burrowing Owl	3/24	1	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Long-eared Owl	3/15	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Northern Saw-whet Owl	3/14	1 calling	near Beulah	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
White-throated Swift	3/12	2	Castlewood Canyon SP	Douglas	Karen Metz
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3/12	1 f	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3/25	1 f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3/29	1 m, 1 f	West of Higbee	Otero	Brandon Percival, Lisa Edwards, Stan Oswald
Say's Phoebe	3/10	1 singing	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Chihuahuan Raven	3/15	2	Along Hwy 96	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Chihuahuan Raven	3/15	4	Along Hwy 96	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Tree Swallow	3/18	5	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Rock Wren	3/17	1 singing	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gray Catbird	3/15	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3/24	2 Myrtle	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Le Conte's Sparrow	3/15	3	Fort Lyon marshes	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Harris's Sparrow	3/12	1	Goodnight River Trail, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Northern Cardinal	3/15	1 f	Sugar City	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Ken Hollinga
Rusty Blackbird	3/24	1 m	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Yaeger
Common Grackle	2/22	1	near Vail at 8200'	Eagle	Bob Righter

Colorado Birds Records Committee Review Species are in **bold** type. A=Adult, I=Immature, M=Male, F=Female, S=Singing, Bas=Basic plumage, Alt=alternate plumage. Thank you birders for supporting our additional reports. All sightings should be sent to Elan Cain, elnacain13@aol.com



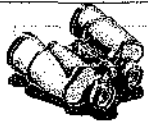
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June 2003



DFO Field Trips for June 2003

June 1, Sunday *Longmont / Lyons (LON)*

Leaders: Chris Owens & Richard Mendez 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0700 at Safeway on southeast corner of 17th & Pace. From I25 take exit 240 and go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at Hygiene Road (17th Ave.). From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to the Safeway parking lot. Target birds: Lewis's Woodpecker, nesting Cedar Waxwings, and Warblers galore!! State Parks Pass needed. Bring lunch for 3/4-day trip.

June 7, Saturday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader: Beverlee Guild 303-695-4878

Meet leader at 0700 at west entrance of park. Go east on Union Ave from Yosemite St. past Cherry Creek High School. Nesting Virginia Rails! State Parks Pass needed. 1/2-day trip.

June 8, Sunday *Boulder / Longmont / Lyons (BOU)*

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park-n-Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Road. From I 25 take exit 235 (Hwy 52). Turn left at exit heading west on Hwy 52 for 6.8 miles. Turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go 0.7 miles, turn left on Niwot Road. This will be a driving tour to see nesting Raptors. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 14, Saturday *Pawnee Grasslands & Crow Valley (PAW)*

Leader: Dick Pratt 303-651-6860

Meet leader at 0800 at intersection of I 25 & Hwy 119. From I 25 take exit 240; meet on southeast corner at Park-n-Ride opposite of Wendy's. Target birds: Burrowing Owls, Mountain Plover, Longspurs. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 15, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader: Paula Hansley 303-642-3361

Meet leader at 0800 at Visitor Center of Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Take I 70 west to 6th Ave west, go straight thru intersection of 6th Ave & Hwy 58. Once thru intersection, Hwy 58 becomes Hwy 93. Head North on Hwy 93 for 2 miles, turn left at sign for GGC Park, go west 13 miles up canyon to Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Target birds: Dusky Flycatcher, Hammonds Flycatcher, Williamson's Sapsucker. Lunch will be at leaders house where there is a nesting Red-naped Sapsucker, and Band-tailed Pigeons. State Park Pass needed. 1/2-day trip, bring lunch.

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Note:

As of June 1, the carpooling charge will be .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

DFO Field Trips for June 2003, continued**June 21, Saturday** *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)***Leader:** Bob Righter 303-692-8529

Meet leader at 0800 at Visitors Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36. Target birds: Goshawk, White-tailed Ptarmigan. US Park Pass required. 3/4-day trip, bring lunch. Will be back in parking lot at 0300.

June 22, Sunday *Barr Lake (BAR)***Leader:** Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633

Meet leader at 0800 at Barr Lake Visitor Center. Target bird: Blue Grosbeak. State Parks Pass needed. Walk to Gazebo is 3 miles. 1/2 day trip.

June 18, Saturday *Hack Ranch & Georgia Pass (HAC)***Leader:** Carol Hack 303-777-7893

Meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from gas station in Jefferson. Nesting Tree Swallows, Eared Grebes and Pine Grosbeaks. All day trip, bring lunch.

June 29, Sunday *Braille Trail & Genesee (BRA)***Leader:** Doris Cruze 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0730 at RTD Park-n-Ride at US 285 & Wadsworth to carpool. Target birds: Hummingbirds! Rufus, Broad-tailed, and Black-chinned. 1/2 day trip.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for April 2003**March 9, Sunday** *88th and South Platte River (SPR)*

Leader(s): David Laliberte. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Alison Donnelly, Sandy Germain, Joan Little, Calaine Ohmert, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0900-1400. **Distance:** 9.7 miles by car, .6 on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian-riverine, reservoirs, roadsides-fields, elevation 5150'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, mostly filtered sunlight, 45-60°F, calm at times, west wind gusting to 25 mph. **Totals:** 36 species, 1039 individuals.

April 5, Saturday *Carson Nature Center – South Platte Park (CNC)*

Leader(s): Dee Gielissen. **Observers:** Marti Eisentraut, David Johnston, Celene Knoll, Charles Lawrence, Chuck Lowrie, Nina Rough, Aaron Sell. **Time:** 0830-12:00. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, prairie, cottonwood forest, wetlands, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear, 40-52°F, east wind 1-35 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 319 individuals.

April 6, Sunday *Big Dry Creek area in Westminster (BDC) - Cancelled due to inclement weather.***April 9, Wednesday** *Hawk Watch on Dinosaur Ridge (DIN)*

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux. **Time:** 0900-13:30. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills. **Weather:** Clear, 54-68°F, south wind, 5 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 141 individuals.

April 12, Saturday *Boulder County (BOU)*

Leader(s): Ted Floyd. **Observers:** Joyce and Ray Bonilla, Lucie Clark, Peter DiLorenzo, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Mike Foster, Beverlee Gild, Peggy Hankine, Gordon Hodgson, Chris Stoner Hoffmeister, Charlie Lawrence, Betty and Don Minges, Diana Mullineaux, Richard Pinkham, Pat Ryan, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0800-1600. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Marsh, lake, riparian, forest, elevation 5400-7500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 45-75°F, south wind, 2 mph. **Totals:** 64 species, 643 individuals.

DFO Field Trip Summaries for April 2003, continued**April 13, Sunday** *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Tammy Ellsworth and Ira Sanders. **Observers:** Bob Hutchison, Lynn Solomon. **Time:** 0730-1400. **Distance:** 6 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, open reservoir, fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 56-73°F, north-northeast wind, 0-12 mph. **Totals:** 43 species, 657 individuals.

April 19, Saturday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Bob Brown. **Observers:** Lea Ann Brown, Peter Gillette, Deb Ostergard. **Time:** 0745-1015. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Oak, riparian, open meadow. **Weather:** Low overcast early, snow, sleet later, damp, 35°F, northeast wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 19 species, 84 individuals.

April 20, Sunday—No trip – Easter**April 26, Saturday** *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): David Rhoades. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Beverly Guild, Danielle and John Mathson, Paul Smith, Peter Spanberger, Mary Stallings, Ann and Bob Walton (IN). **Time:** 0800-1300. **Distance:** 10 miles by car; 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, willows thicket, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, light air, 40-70°F. **Totals:** 56 species, 496 individuals.

April 27, Sunday *Weld County Lakes (WLC)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Chuck Walters, Roni and Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0830-1700. **Distance:** 80 miles by car. **Habitat:** Agricultural fields and ponds, elevation 4500-4900'. **Weather:** Clear and sunny, 50-60°F. **Totals:** 68 species, 1294 individuals.

Tuesday Birders**April 1** *Chatfield Nature Preserve (CHA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Judy Miller. **Observers:** 32. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponds, cottonwood, willow, cattails, juniper, open fields, elevation 5500'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 59-76°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 26 species, 251 individuals.

April 8 *Hawk Watch at Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/Winters and Red Rocks Parks (DIN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, transitional zone with juniper and ponderosa pine, shrubland and city park, elevation 5700-6600'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 44-57°F, south-southwest wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 28 species, 139 individuals.

April 15 *Belmar Lakewood City Park (BEL)*

Leader(s): Alice Kruse. **Observers:** 20. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir and ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 65-70°F, southwest wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 153 individuals.

April 22 *Van Bibber Jeffco Open Space Park (VAN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, and open meadows, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 48-58°F, southeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 27 species, 156 individuals.

April 29 *Audubon at Chatfield (AUD)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 37. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, open grassy area, elevation 5430'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 60-72°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 198 individuals.

The DFO Board signs twinning agreement with the Angus & Dundee Bird Club (ADBC)



Black Necked Grebe - Summer visitor to Kinnordy Loch.

ADBC President Bob McCurley and this editor (born in Angus, Scotland) proposed this agreement to DFO last year. The ADBC Club was formed in 1997, and organizes programs and activities throughout the year. Bob and I thought, and our Boards agreed, that a "twinning" agreement would open up many UK/US educational birding opportunities for our memberships. So if a Black Necked Grebe piques your interest—check out the web sites below—the anugusbirding site is similar to the CFO CoBirds service. I will tell you that the weather in Angus is wonderful at this time of the year, and the fresh winds blowing off the North Sea are guaranteed to bring "roses to your cheeks" !

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Web Site Links: <http://angusbirding.homestead.com/>
http://www.fatbirder.com/links_geo/europe/scotland_angus_and_dundee.html

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Bushtit	1/18-4/30	1-3	Blackards' feeder in Centennial near So. Suburban golf course	Arapahoe	Carol and Scott Blackard (1 to 3 birds seen most days)
Carolina Wren	4/25	1	Blackards' feeder in Centennial near So. Suburban golf course	Arapahoe	Carol and Scott Blackard
Carolina Wren	4/27	1	Righters' feeder in southeast Denver	Denver	Bob Righter
Northern Parula	4/22-23, 25-26	1	Kingerys' hummingbird feeder in Franktown	Douglas	Hugh Kingery (Bird survived 8" snowstorm)

DFO members should send their additional reports to Elna Cain, Elnacain13@aol.com.

Welcome New Members!

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Colorado Rare Bird Alert None this month
Educational Endowment Fund Elizabeth and Richard Maslow

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Field Trip Summary Table April 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS								TUESDAY BIRDERS					TOTAL
	9-Mar	5	9	12	13	19	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	
	SPR	CNC	DIN	BOU	CHA	ROX	RMA	WLC	CHA	DIN	BEL	VAN	AUD	
Pied-billed Grebe				1			4							5
Horned Grebe				11	3									14
Eared Grebe							1							1
Western Grebe				3	6			39						48
Clark's Grebe					1									1
American White Pelican			7					87				2	3	99
Double-crested Cormorant	2	3		4	6	1	4	15			1	2	9	47
Great Blue Heron		3		5	5		1	78	2		1		4	99
Great Egret								16						16
Snowy Egret								1						1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5						1	1						7
White-faced Ibis								24						24
Turkey Vulture		1	13	47						9		3		73
Canada Goose	99	13		21	250	12	26	10	28		40	2	8	509
Wood Duck							2							2
Gadwall	80	22		10	6		50	32			3			203
American Wigeon	52	6		2	5		4	10						79
Mallard	83	23		22	10	4	36	20	14		22	8	6	248
Blue-winged Teal				3				8						11
Cinnamon Teal				15	6			24						45
Northern Shoveler	324	8		2	25		50	30			5			444
Northern Pintail	22													22
Green-winged Teal	21	27		14	15		8	8			4			97
Canvasback								1						1
Redhead		31					6	10			4			51
Ring-necked Duck	19	2		18				4			2			45
Lesser Scaup		6		7			50	28			10			101
Bufflehead	21	2		4	4		6	3						40
Common Merganser	8	2		3	10									23
Hooded Merganser	9													9
Common Merganser		20						1						21
Red-breasted Merganser	2													2
Osprey				3	2					1			3	9
Bald Eagle	1			1			1	4					1	8
Northern Harrier	2						1	1		1				5
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2							4				6
Cooper's Hawk		1	6		1		1			4			1	14
accipiter sp.			1											1
Swainson's Hawk							4	8						12
Red-tailed Hawk	4	2	12	4	2		2	10	5	8		3		52
western races	3	2												(5)
"Hartan's" race	1													(1)
"Krider's" race														(0)

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	SPB	CNC	DIN	BOU	CHA	ROY	RMA	WLG	CHA	DIN	BEI	VAN	AUD	
Golden Eagle			1							3				4
American Kestrel	4	2	1	3	2	1	6	30		4		4	4	61
Peregrine Falcon						1								1
Ring-necked Pheasant							1	4						5
Virginia Rail					2									2
Sora					1								2	3
American Coot		27		75	50		8	10			5			175
Killdeer	1	4		16	5		6	12	3		2			49
Black-necked Stilt								4						4
American Avocet				6	5		7	70			1			89
Greater Yellowlegs				2				4						6
Lesser Yellowlegs							6	50						56
Long-billed Curlew								3						3
Marbled Godwit								2						2
Western Sandpiper								10						10
Least Sandpiper								1						1
Long-billed Dowitcher								4						4
Wilson's Snipe				2	1							1		4
Wilson's Phalarope								6						6
Franklin's Gull								15						15
Ring-billed Gull	169	3			12			4	10				2	200
Rock Dove	5			4				4	28		1	2		44
Mourning Dove	1	2		7	12		12	20			2	8	8	72
Great Horned Owl				2			5	4	1					12
Burrowing Owl							4	2						6
White-throated Swift			5											5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird													1	1
Belted Kingfisher	5	1		6	4	1	1	4	1		1	1	3	28
Red-naped Sapsucker				4										4
Downy Woodpecker				3		1			3			2	2	11
"Rocky Mountain" race														(0)
"eastern" race														(0)
Hairy Woodpecker				12		1	1							14
"Rocky Mountain" race				12										(12)
"eastern" race														(0)
Northern Flicker	3	4	4	13	5	3	3		6	2	2	6	8	59
"Yellow-shafted" race														(0)
"Red-shafted" race	(3)	(4)				(3)	(3)							(13)
Say's Phoebe			1		1					1		1		4
Western Kingbird								1						1
Steller's Jay				4					1	1				6
Blue Jay				3			1	6						10
Western Scrub-Jay			3	4		8			1	7		2		25
Black-billed Magpie	6	22	7	10	75	2	8	10	10	10	5	10		175

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American Crow	32	3	17	10	10		1	2	38	8	2	4	1	128
Common Raven			4	1	4	5				3			1	18
Horned Lark					1			4						5
Tree Swallow		2		15	1		4							22
Violet-green Swallow							1							1
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				1										1
Cliff Swallow							1	50						51
Barn Swallow							4	2						6
swallow sp.									1	3				4
Black-capped Chickadee	4	3		5	12	5	1	2	14	3		1	6	56
Mountain Chickadee				1						2				3
Bush tit			4											4
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1										1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	3	2					2					8
Pygmy Nuthatch				3										3
Rock Wren							2							2
Canyon Wren						3				1				4
House Wren							10						8	18
Marsh Wren								4						4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				3										3
Western Bluebird				7		6				5		1		19
Mountain Bluebird				2		2								4
Townsend's Solitaire			2	3										5
American Robin	2	10	21	34	35	15	20	4	11	22	7	8	6	195
European Starling	27	33		2	1		20	50	31	3	5	20	9	201
Orange-crowned Warbler							1							1
Yellow Warbler													1	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1						5					5	38	49
"Myrtle" race	1						2						3	(6)
"Audubon's" race							3					5	3	(11)
Green-tailed Towhee													1	1
Spotted Towhee						6				1			2	9
American Tree Sparrow	1													1
Chipping Sparrow							14							14
Song Sparrow	3	4		4	3		5	6	1	2		3	16	47
White-crowned Sparrow							5						2	7
Dark lored races														(0)
"Gambel's" race							5							(5)
Dark-eyed Junco	9		21	5		7			16	14				72
"White-winged" race														(0)
"Slate-colored" race														(0)
"Oregon" race	2									1				(3)
"Pink-sided" race	1									8				(9)
"Gray-headed" race										2				(2)
junco race														(0)
Red-winged Blackbird	9	17		84	25		10	200	15		16	40	14	430
Western Meadowlark	1	1	3	28	10		26	10	4	3		9	4	99
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1			10	80						91
Brewer's Blackbird				1				26					5	32
Common Grackle		2		26	12		24	30			5	7	5	111
Great-tailed Grackle								32						32
Brown-headed Cowbird				3			1	4					8	16
House Finch		5	3	7	6		2	10	1	9	2		4	49
American Goldfinch				18	5								2	25
House Sparrow	2	1					2	25	4	5	5	1		45
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1039	319	141	643	657	64	496	1294	251	139	153	156	198	5,570
TOTAL SPECIES	36	37	21	64	43	19	56	68	26	28	25	27	35	121

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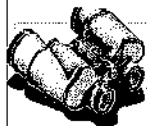
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July 2003



This photograph was sent to us from Joey Kellner. The unusual Colorado visitor, a Laughing Gull, was seen at Chatfield Reservoir last month.

This photo is particularly helpful when its pal, a Franklin's Gull serves as a comparison. The Franklin's, as Joey points out, has the white tips on the primaries.



DFO Field Trips for July 2003

July 5, Saturday

Gregory Canyon / Boulder area

Leader: Gregg Goodrich (303-655-9135)

Meet at 0730 in Boulder at corner of Baseline Rd. and Cherryvale Rd. (Bobolink trailhead). Exit Rt. 36 at Foothills Parkway. Go about 1 mile to Baseline Rd., then right about 1 mile to Cherryvale Rd. Lunch optional. \$6.00 parking fee at Gregory Canyon, so car-pooling is a good idea.

July 6, Sunday

Franktown area

Leaders: Gail Evans (303-758-2231) with Karen Metz

Meet at 0600 at Parker Regional Park. From Main St. intersection in Parker go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Lunch optional. New spots to explore!

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NOTE: As of June 1, please note that the car-pooling charge is **20 cents per mile** divided by participants, including the driver.

DFO Field Trips for July 2003, continued**July 12, Saturday*****Golden Gate Canyon State Park***

Leader: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035)

Meet at 0700 at park's visitor center. Go west on I-70 to 6th Ave. west, then straight through intersection of Highway 58 and 6th Ave. Once through intersection, 58 becomes Highway 93. Head north for 2 miles, turn left at sign for Golden Gate Canyon Park. Go 13 miles west to park entrance. State Parks pass needed. Lunch optional. Band-tailed Pigeons possible.

July 13, Sunday***Deer Creek Canyon and Meyer Ranch***

Leader: J.B. Hayes (303-798-9683)

Meet at 0700 at S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd. (first traffic light south of C-470 on S. Wadsworth). Should tally over 50 species. Bring lunch. Trip should end midafternoon.

July 19, Saturday***Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes***

Leader: Lynn Willcockson (303-757-7000)

Meet at 0730 to carpool at RTD Park 'n Ride on east side of Union Blvd., just south of West 6th Ave. OR at Filius Park at 0800. (From I-70 west take Evergreen exit, then first Bergen Park exit and right to Filius Park). Full-day trip. Bring lunch and water. \$6 per car fee for Mt. Evans portion of the trip.

July 20, Sunday***Lyons and foothills***

Leader: Raymond Davis (303-823-5332)

Meet at 0830 at Lyons Park 'n Ride (one-half block south of only traffic light in town). Plan to car-pool. Bring lunch. Good chance for pinyon jays!

July 26, Saturday***Lair o' the Bear and Mt. Falcon***

Leader: Norm Lewis (303-988-5544)

Meet at 0700 at Lair o' the Bear Park—4 miles west of Morrison on Colo. 74. Full-day trip. Bring lunch.

July 27, Sunday***Guanella Pass and environs***

Leader: Sue Schulman (303-773-3540)

Meet at 0700 at Safeway parking lot in Conifer on U.S. 285. Full-day trip. Bring lunch and water. Will go through Grant, up the pass and home through Georgetown. Lot of varied habitats for high country birds. Please call leader if

A Note of Thanks from Karleen Schofield

I wish to thank the DFO Board and membership for presenting me with the "Ptarmigan Award" at the April club meeting. The Award consists of a certificate of appreciation for volunteer services with the club and an 8 x 10 photo of two winter-plumaged White-tailed Ptarmigan, both gifts beautifully framed.

The original ptarmigan photograph, reproduced many times through the years and presented to Award recipients is a sample of the photographic talents of Duane Nelson. I am honored to receive this Award. Thank you.

Karleen Schofield

DFO Field Trip Summaries for May 2003**May 3, Saturday** *Crow Valley and Lower Latham (CVL)*

Leader(s): Chris Owers, Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Peggy Gondor, Gordon Hodgson, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Kent and Liz Kreider, Gary Lefler, Randy Lentz, Richard Pinkham, Buzz Schaumberg, Tim Schowalter, Lynn Solomon, Bob Spencer, Richard Stanley, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0615-1745. **Distance:** 145 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Shortgrass prairie, wetland, riparian, agricultural, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 40-75°F, varied direction wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 84 species, 3073 individuals.

May 4, Sunday *Longmont/Lyons Area (LLA)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens, Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Kristin Fishburn, Matt Galman, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Charlie Lawrence, Erik Marin, Dick Pratt, Rayleigh Rask, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0715-1515. **Distance:** 60 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, riparian, ponds, agricultural, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Clear to overcast, 40-65°F, variable wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 82 species, 1021 individuals.

May 14, Wednesday *Belmar Historic Park (BHP)*

Leader(s): Karleen Schoefield. **Observers:** Jill Boice, Jean Frazier, Matt Galman, Norma and Joe Kamby. **Time:** 0700-1040. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lake, wetland, grassland, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Sunny, 47-64°F. **Totals:** 38 species, 287 individuals.

May 17, Saturday *Chatfield State Park (CSP)*

Leader(s): Ed Holub. **Observers:** Warren Finch, Roy Halpin, Gordon Hodgson, Jim Starr. **Time:** 0730-1545. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, river riparian, prairie, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 50-85°F, south wind, 0-30 mph. **Totals:** 63 species, 522 individuals.

May 18, Sunday *Roxborough State Park – Carpenter Peak Trail (RSP)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Dave Broste, Mary Carlisle, Lucie Clark, Nancy and Don Crews, Marcia Eldridge, Dick Erdmann, Matt Galman, Peggy Hankins, Jill Holden, Connie Huyck, Lynne Jordan, Gene Lomme, Forrest and Priscilla Peters, Carl Sandberg, Bernadette Sonefield, Peggy Stark, Paul and Phoebe Thayer, Diana Wilson, Dennis Wojcicki. **Time:** 0800-1300. **Habitat:** Oak forest, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, subalpine forest, elevation 6100-7200'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 45-50°F, south-southwest wind, 5-7 mph. **Totals:** 39 species, 198 individuals.

May 18, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BLS)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Warren Finch, Ivan Getting, Roy Halpin, Janet Kilbride, Kristin Knudson, Max Vindas (visiting from Costa Rica). **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 54-74°F, variable wind, 1-3 mph. **Totals:** 54 species, 481 individuals.

May 21, Wednesday *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG)*

Leader(s): Bob Spencer. **Observers:** Inga Brennan, Jean Frazier, Mathew Galman, Betty Minges, Mort Staatz, Mary Stallings, Jim Starr, Ann Southcott. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, stream, lake, ponds, marsh, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Clear, calm, 50-72°F. **Totals:** 35 species, 381 individuals.

May 23-24, Friday-Saturday *Bonnie Reservoir (BR)*

Leader(s): Bob Righter. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Gail Campbell, Chuck Lowrie, Bob and Bev Wing, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 1700 May 23-1700 May 24. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, agriculture, aquatic, elevation 4000'. **Weather:** Cloudy, partly cloudy, sunny clear, 55-80°F, east wind, 10-20 mph. **Totals:** 83 species, 1275 individuals.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries for May 2003, continued

May 24, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Alison Donnelly, Rosemary Draeger (ND), Peggy Gander, Larry Graber (ND), Ellie Jones, Gary Lefka, Sue Schulman, Lynn Williams (ND). **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, locust thicket, cottonwood grove, marsh, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 55°F, windy. **Totals:** 56 species, 443 individuals.

May 25, Sunday *Hutton Lake NWR, Wyoming (HL) Cancelled*

May 26, Monday *Rigli Ranch (RR)*

Leader(s): Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Bruce and Cathy Bosley, Barbara Browne, George Finnell, Ivan and Jan Getting, Tom and Priscilla Glasco, Buzz Schaumberg. **Time:** 0930-1700. **Distance:** 14.5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, woodlands, ponds, short-grass prairies, sandhill-sagebrush, fields, creeks, elevation 4330'. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 70-80°F, southeast wind, 4-7 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 266 individuals.

May 28, Wednesday *Auraria Campus (AC)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Time:** 0730-0930. **Distance:** 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** College campus. **Weather:** Clear, 75°F, no wind. **Totals:** 15 species, 283 individuals.

May 31, Saturday *Dry Creek Open Space (DCOS)*

Tuesday Birders

May 6 *Barr Lake State Park (BLSP)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 33. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny to mostly cloudy, 52-62°F, northwest wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 52 species, 488 individuals.

May 13 *Barr Lake State Park (BLSP)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 4 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, reservoir, riparian, cottonwood, willow, cattails, prairie, agriculture, elevation 5100'. **Weather:** Sunny, 58-78°F, southwest wind, 0-8 mph. **Totals:** 53 species, 377 individuals.

May 20 *Hanover Road/Chico Basin Ranch, Colorado Springs (CBR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30. **Time:** 0830-1600. **Distance:** 13 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Sand/sage grassland, cottonwood, russian olive grove, agricultural ponds, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Cloudy to partly sunny, 38-58°F, southeast wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 60 species, 296 individuals.

May 27 *DuPont Park near Louviers (DP)*

Leader(s): Jackie Sanderson, Douglas County Open Space Naturalist. **Observers:** 37. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, pond, cottonwood, willow, cattails, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 64-80°F, south wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 109 individuals.

Welcome New Member! Lucie Clark, 301A Jackson Drive, Golden, CO 80403, 303-279-6335

Contributions None this month

2003 Spring Count Summaries

This trip summary was omitted last year, and we include it now for your records.

May 13, 2002

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** 5. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 2.5 on foot. **Habitat:** Plains riparian and plains grassland, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Clear, 40-70°F. **Totals:** 92 species, 663 individuals.

Field Trip Summaries for Spring Count 2003

May 8, Thursday

Cherry Creek State Park (CCS)

Leader(s): J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** RoseAnn Bershenyi, Beverlee Guild, Roy Halpin, MaryAnn Lewis. **Time:** 0700-1530. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, meadows, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Cloudy-partly cloudy, windy, showers, hail, tornado warnings, 43-56°F, variable wind. **Totals:** 81 species, 1810 individuals.

May 9, Friday

Lower Bear Creek (LBC)

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Roy Halpin, Carol Larsen. **Time:** 0700-1700. **Distance:** 21 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Residential, greenbelt, riparian. **Weather:** Overcast 100%, rain, 43°F, north-northwest wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 68 species, 1530 individuals.

May 10, Saturday

Waterton (WC)

Leader(s): Hugh and Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Bob Brown, EB Ellis, Peter Gillette, Deb Ostergard. **Time:** 0600-1630. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains riparian and plains grassland, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Light snow, 0600-0800 and 0900-1000; otherwise cloudy; snow dripping from branches, 3-5" of snow on ground in am, mostly melted by 1300, 30-35°F, light wind. **Totals:** 95 species, 2009 individuals.

May 10, Saturday

Barr Lake State Park (BL)

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Bob Spencer. **Time:** 0630-1600. **Distance:** 5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and lake. **Weather:** Morning - snow, fog, windy; afternoon - clearing, windy, 30-45°F, north-northwest wind to 20 mph. **Totals:** 78 species, 1331 individuals; plus 1000's of swallow species.

May 10, Saturday

Chatfield Reservoir (CR)

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Barbara Brown, Paul Differding, Jill Holden, Randy Lentz, Andrew Spencer, Steve Stachowiak. **Time:** 0600-1900. **Distance:** 43 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy all day, snow on the ground, 31-44°F, west wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 134 species, 14114 individuals.

May 11, Sunday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)

Leader(s): Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Hugh Kingery, Kent and Liz Kreider, Paul Langenderfer, Mary and Steve Marx, Karen von Saltza. **Time:** 0600-1600. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Clear, 30-65°F, no wind. **Totals:** 84 species, 1547 individuals.

May 11, Sunday

Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Beers, David Laliberte. **Time:** 0600-1330. **Distance:** 83 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Roadsides, fields-cultivated and "natural", irrigation ditches, marshy areas, ponds, reservoirs, elevation 5125'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny, dry, 34-60°F, northwest wind, 10 mph. **Totals:** 69 species, 1325 individuals.

May 11, Sunday

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CWC)

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Alice Donnelly, Roy Halpin, Karen Metz. **Time:** 0530-1730. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, woodland, riparian, grassland, elevation 6400'. **Weather:** Mostly sunny, 30-60°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 66 species, 686 individuals.

Spring Count Summary Table, 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	2002 Count RMA *	2003 Counts								TOTAL
		8	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	
		CCS	LBC	WC	BL	CR	RMA	BLP	CWC	
Common Loon			2	1						3
Pied-billed Grebe	9	2	2				1	1		15
Eared Grebe		4			5	5	1			15
Western Grebe	2	20	3		2	65				92
Clark's Grebe		4				1				5
American White Pelican		25		21	9	39	3	94		191
Double-crested Cormorant	4	40	110	22	4	28	2	42		252
Great Blue Heron	4	6	39	9	3	8	2	3	2	76
Great Egret					1			1		2
Snowy Egret	1	3				1	1			6
Cattle Egret					1					1
Green Heron			1	1		1				3
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	6	1		2	3		1		16
White Ibis	1									1
Glossy Ibis						1				1
White-faced Ibis		1		1	9	86		4		101
Turkey Vulture	7			3		12			25	47
Canada Goose	14	14	46	14	28	18	38	19	2	193
Wood Duck	2		3		3		9			17
Gadwall	62	4	3	7	4	12	26	3	2	123
American Wigeon	2	10			3	2		1		18
Mallard	21	26	32	25	34	26	39	22	4	229
Blue-winged Teal	11	6	4	4	6	32	5			68
Cinnamon Teal	1	5		4	4	5	2	9		30
Northern Shoveler	6	15	3		56	10	1	3	2	96
Northern Pintail	3			4		3	1	2		13
Green-winged Teal	8	18		1	9		2			38
Canvasback		2								2
Redhead	4	2				2	9	2		19
Ring-necked Duck					8					8
Lesser Scaup	8		3			1				12
Bufflehead	2									2
Common Merganser	5	1	1	5		4				16
Ruddy Duck	8	6			10	1				25
Osprey		1		2		1				4
Bald Eagle	2			1		1	1			5
Northern Harrier	1					1		2		4
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1		2				4
Cooper's Hawk				2		1	1		2	6
Broad-winged Hawk		1				2				3
Swainson's Hawk	4	8	3		2	2	10	18		47
Red-tailed Hawk	7			7	5	3	8	1	6	37
western races					5					(5)
Ferruginous Hawk	2									2
American Kestrel	4	1		8		3	5	6	3	30

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		8 CCS	9 LBC	10 WC	10 BL	10 CR	11 RMA	11 BLP	11 CWC	
Merlin			1							1
Peregrine Falcon				1	1	3				5
Prairie Falcon				1						1
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	4			2		4	8		21
Virginia Rail		1		1		2	2			6
Sora	1			1		1				3
American Coot	2	11			15	11	9			48
Black-bellied Plover						1				1
Killdeer	9	4	6	8	7	13	17	10	3	77
American Avocet	16	6		11		13		11		57
Greater Yellowlegs						1				1
Lesser Yellowlegs	2		1			1		3		7
Solitary Sandpiper	2					1				3
Willet						12		1		13
Spotted Sandpiper	2	7	32	32	9	34	6			122
Marbled Godwit	1					1				2
Sanderling						40				40
Semipalmated Sandpiper			5			35				40
Least Sandpiper						2				2
Peep sp				1						1
Long-billed Dowitcher				5	8	29				42
Wilson's Snipe						1				1
Wilson's Phalarope	14			18		8	12	6		58
Franklin's Gull		2		9		9				20
Bonaparte's Gull		3								3
Ring-billed Gull	1	15	24	5		14		1		60
California Gull		10				14				24
Herring Gull		1								1
gull sp.				8						8
Forster's Tern		3				6				9
Rock Dove		9	32	8	2	16	2	29	1	99
White-winged Dove	1									1
Mourning Dove	47	20	33	10	70	38	140	80	27	465
Great Horned Owl	3	4		3	2	2	1	1	1	17
Burrowing Owl	14						3	6		23
Common Poorwill						1			1	2
White-throated Swift									3	3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1		14		18			8	41
Belted Kingfisher		2	1	3		4		1		11
Red-headed Woodpecker							1			1
Downy Woodpecker	3	1	2	5	1	2	5		1	20
Hairy Woodpecker									2	2
Northern Flicker	9	12	30	12	5	9	11		2	90
"Red-shafted" race	(9)		(30)	(12)	(5)	(9)			(2)	(67)
Western Wood-Pewee					1	4				5
Willow Flycatcher				1						1
Least Flycatcher				3		3				6
Hammond's Flycatcher						1				1
Gray Flycatcher						1				1
Cordilleran Flycatcher				1	1	1				3

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Empidonax sp.	3		1	7		2	9			22
Eastern Phoebe							2			2
Say's Phoebe		1	9	2		9	1		2	24
Ash-throated Flycatcher						1				1
Cassin's Kingbird					1					1
Western Kingbird	34	8	4	2	9	24	29	54	1	165
Eastern Kingbird	11	4			3	4	11	2	2	37
Loggerhead Shrike				1		1	1	7		10
Plumbeous Vireo	1					1			5	7
Warbling Vireo				5		2	2			9
Steller's Jay									8	8
Blue Jay	4	2			2		9	3	1	21
Western Scrub-Jay									10	10
Black-billed Magpie	11	18	103	10	17	41	42	18	18	278
American Crow	1	12	6	11		3	4	2	5	44
Common Raven		1				2			2	5
Horned Lark	7			3		19		23		52
Tree Swallow	14			80	1	1200	6		7	1308
Violet-green Swallow		100	170	181		1300	22		48	1821
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		50	1	41		20	20		2	134
Bank Swallow				5		1500	20			1525
Cliff Swallow	20	250	50	6	100	5000	350	78	45	5899
Barn Swallow	3	250	2	29	10	1000	24	44	2	1364
swallow sp.				370						370
Black-capped Chickadee	1	4	31	15	8	15	2	1	6	83
Mountain Chickadee									5	5
Red-breasted Nuthatch								2	1	3
White-breasted Nuthatch			2						4	6
Brown Creeper									2	2
Rock Wren			8		4	4	15		4	35
Canyon Wren									3	3
House Wren	12	4	26	49	20	27	42	9	14	203
American Dipper				2						2
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1							1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2			2				4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2	4		6		16	7		16	51
Eastern Bluebird				1						1
Western Bluebird				4					20	24
Mountain Bluebird				9		7			32	48
Townsend's Solitaire						3				3
Swainson's Thrush	7				6		8			21
Hermit Thrush	3			2	2	1	6			14
American Robin	17	35	69	30	60	48	41	19	34	353
Gray Catbird				5		4				9
Northern Mockingbird	4						2	1		7
Brown Thrasher	1				1		2			4
European Starling	15	200	95	11	65	40	52	90	35	603

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American Pipit			4	35		400				439
Cedar Waxwing		1								1
Tennessee Warbler			3							3
Orange-crowned Warbler			4	13	1	2	1			21
Virginia's Warbler				19	1	7	1		2	30
Yellow Warbler	7	2	9	44	9	25	3	1		100
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	50	142	329	48	1220	13	3	23	1830
"Myrtle" race		10	13	21	(26)	270	3			(343)
"Audubon's" race		40	129	308	(22)	950	10	3		(1462)
Black-throated Gray Warbler				1						1
Palm Warbler						1				1
Northern Waterthrush	1			1	2	1				5
MacGillivray's Warbler					1			1		2
Common Yellowthroat	2	3		2	1	3		6		17
Wilson's Warbler			1			1				2
Yellow-breasted Chat				8		5				13
Western Tanager	1		7	8	1	31			3	51
Green-tailed Towhee	3		1	1	1	3	8			17
Spotted Towhee	1		3	10	1	7	7		36	65
Chipping Sparrow	16	152	39	20	125	580	110	13	45	1100
Clay-colored Sparrow	3	1	1		3	2		1		11
Brewer's Sparrow		2	14	6	2	12	11		2	49
spizella sp.								10		10
Vesper Sparrow	5	2		19	7	500	27	30	8	598
Lark Sparrow	6	3			28	16	36	21	2	112
Lark Bunting	3		7					16		28
Savannah Sparrow			12			16				28
Grasshopper Sparrow						1				1
Song Sparrow	5	18	3	25	7	11	5	5	3	82
Lincoln's Sparrow				4	1	2	4			11
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	6	8	10	6	12	6		50
Dark lored races						4				(4)
"Gambel's" race			6			2				(8)
Dark-eyed Junco									1	1
"Oregon" race									1	(1)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak						1				1
Black-headed Grosbeak	1			5			1		12	19
Lazuli Bunting					2	2				4
Red-winged Blackbird	23	65	67	46	250	68	87	188	35	829
Western Meadowlark	13	12		47	16	27	66	47	18	246
Yellow-headed Blackbird	14					10	3	22		49
Brewer's Blackbird	2	40	4	25		70	2	4	10	157
Common Grackle	18	75	59	8	110	12	21	122	18	443
Great-tailed Grackle								7		7
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	35	3	104	23	21	1	2	24	221
Orchard Oriole	1						1			2
Bullock's Oriole	11	8	3	13	7	5	10	1	1	59
House Finch	2	16	60	5	8	5	3	20	4	123
Pine Siskin				1		2				3
American Goldfinch	4	18	9	9	5	6	4	1	8	64
House Sparrow		16	66	2	20	3	1	54		162
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	663	1810	1530	2009	1331	14114	1547	1325	686	25,015
TOTAL SPECIES	92	81	68	95	78	134	84	69	66	181

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	3	4	14	17	18	18	21	23-24	24	26	28	31	6	13	20	27	
	CVL	LLA	BHP	CSP	RSP	BLS	WRG	BR	RMA	RR	AC	DCOS	BLSP	BLSP	CBR	DP	
Pied-billed Grebe		1						3	4				1		1		10
Eared Grebe								1	6								7
Western Grebe	6	17		40		7	1	2	2					1			76
Clark's Grebe				2			1										3
American White Pelican	3	102		30		4		6	1					2			148
Double-crested Cormorant	9	21	8	6		50	60	15	9				6	75			259
American Bittern						1											1
Great Blue Heron	2	26	1	5		3	3	25		1			3	50	1		120
Great Egret	1	16		2													19
Snowy Egret														1			1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		4	1				6							3			14
White-faced Ibis	15	12						25					2				54
Turkey Vulture	2	7		1	1											4	15
Canada Goose	4	6	37	20		40	100		10				12	30	1		260
Wood Duck									6						1		7
Gadwall	2	2	12			3		2	6				4	2	2		35
American Wigeon	2							2					3	2			9
Mallard	6	7	26	5		16	15	6	6	1	3		10		4		105
Blue-winged Teal	2	1						8					4	2	6		23
Cinnamon Teal	3	2	1					1	1						6		14
Northern Shoveler	8	11		5				3					12	3			42
Northern Pintail	2																2
Green-winged Teal	1	6	1	1				1							1		11
Redhead			4					1	8								13
Lesser Scaup		10											4				14
Bufflehead		4															4
Common Merganser		1		1													2
Ruddy Duck		9	1	20		18		3					3		2		56
Osprey		2											1				3
Bald Eagle		2			1												3
Northern Harrier	1													3			4
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1									1						2
Cooper's Hawk	1																1
Swainson's Hawk	17	3	1			5		1	2	2			4	6			41
Red-tailed Hawk	4	16		4	2	1		1	3	3			1		2	3	40
western races										(3)							(3)
buteo sp.	3																3
Golden Eagle					2										2		4
American Kestrel	8	9		1	1	2		2	4					1	1		29
Martin						1											1
Prairie Falcon	1																1
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	12				1		10	6	2							34
Wild Turkey								4									4
Sora				1													1
American Coot	3	1				21		4	6				42		4		81
Semipalmated Plover		6															6
Killdeer	11	6		5		4		15	7	4			2	3	3		60
Mountain Plover															1		1

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Black-necked Stilt	4																4
American Avocet	9	7							1								17
Greater Yellowlegs	1														1		2
Lesser Yellowlegs	2	2															4
Willet	3	16															19
Spotted Sandpiper		1	4	7			3		5				4	1		1	26
Upland Sandpiper	1																1
Marbled Godwit	3																3
Sanderling								2									2
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2	1															3
Baird's Sandpiper		8						2									8
Long-billed Dowitcher	17	5															22
Wilson's Phalarope	10							30									40
Franklin's Gull		2						4									6
Ring-billed Gull		4	1	20				10									35
Forster's Tern		16		18													34
Black Tern								25									25
Rock Dove	2	21	17	1	6			1	3	2	15				1		69
Mourning Dove	23	15	13	7	2	8	6	50	33	20	2		5	7	5	1	197
Yellow-billed Cuckoo								1									1
Great Horned Owl		6						2	1	2			3				14
Burrowing Owl	7							4	4	4					7		26
Common Nighthawk								10		2							12
Chimney Swift								8					4				12
White-throated Swift		5			17												22
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5		8	12											6	31
Belted Kingfisher		1	1	5		1		1						1			10
Red-headed Woodpecker						1		6									7
Red-bellied Woodpecker								1									1
Downy Woodpecker	4			3	2	6	1	2	1				5	2		2	28
"Rocky Mountain" race																	(0)
"eastern" race																	(0)
Hairy Woodpecker							1										1
"Rocky Mountain" race							1										(1)
"eastern" race																	(0)
Three-toed Woodpecker																	0
Northern Flicker	2	4	3	4	1	2	5	3	8		2		11	1	2	7	55
"Yellow-shafted" race																	(0)
"Red-shafted" race	(2)		(3)	(4)			(5)										(14)
Olive-sided Flycatcher										1							1
Western Wood-Pewee			1	8	1	2	3	1	4	2				1	8	4	35
Willow Flycatcher				1													1
Cordilleran Flycatcher															1		1
empidonax sp.		1		1	1												3
Say's Phoebe	2			1	1			1		2			1	1			9
Western Kingbird	14	5		1	1	40		150	20	30			22	6	6	2	297
Eastern Kingbird	1		1	8	1	25		40	6	2			2	6	1		93
Loggerhead Shrike	5	2						4		6							17
Plumbeous Vireo									1	1						4	6
Warbling Vireo					4		4	25								2	35
Blue Jay	5	2		1		1	1	8	2				2	1	3	1	27
Western Scrub-Jay		1			18												19
Black-billed Magpie	2	9	9	12	3	6	9	2	10	1	1		20	8			92
American Crow	2	3	3	1	2	1		1			3						16
Common Raven		2		2	2											1	7

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Horned Lark	40			4				10	2	25					5		86
Tree Swallow	1			3		6		6	19		10		30	1	6		82
Violet-green Swallow		1		2	16	2							1	1	1		24
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			10	5		6		4									25
Cliff Swallow	100	150	1				15	30	50		14			1	32		393
Barn Swallow	3	4	2	8		2	1	6	20	15	12		1	2	8		84
Black-capped Chickadee		8	1	6	14	5	5		2				7	2		4	54
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1											1
White-breasted Nuthatch					2			2								2	6
Rock Wren	1																1
House Wren	9	1		40	3	12	1	50	12	2			30	17	6	12	195
Marsh Wren	1																1
American Dipper		2															2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet															1		1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1			4	20												25
Eastern Bluebird								3									3
Townsend's Solitaire					2												2
Veery															2		2
Swainson's Thrush	2					2		1		15					26		46
Hermit Thrush						1			1				1		1		4
American Robin	8	12	16	12	5	12	12	75	14	4	18		20	7	6	14	235
Gray Catbird				6				2							1	2	11
Northern Mockingbird	1							4	2	6					7		20
Brown Thrasher	7							1		1					2		11
European Starling	13	25	15	20		40		100	10	7	47		25	9	8	1	320
American Pipit				2													2
Cedar Waxwing	10							6							3		19
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	4				1								1		2	13
Virginia's Warbler		1			1												2
Yellow Warbler			3	75		8	22	40	4	2			1	6	6	4	171
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10	10	3	4	3		15			1			16	3	2		67
"Myrtle" race		5		(2)													(7)
"Audubon's" race		5	3	(2)	(3)		15			1					2		(31)
American Redstart				3													3
Ovenbird					2												2
MacGillivray's Warbler					3									1	1		5
Common Yellowthroat	1						4	25					1	1	1		33
Wilson's Warbler																1	1
Yellow-breasted Chat				15				4						1			20
Western Tanager				1		1	6		1	1					2		12
Green-tailed Towhee				3	1	1								1	1		7
Spotted Towhee	1	2			25		1									1	30
Cassin's Sparrow								2		1							3
Chipping Sparrow	3	12					1						22	1	3	1	43
Brewer's Sparrow				1						1							2
Field Sparrow	1												1				2
Vesper Sparrow	8												1				9
Lark Sparrow	5	1	2					4	3	4					9		28
Lark Bunting	17							40		25					23	2	107

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Savannah Sparrow	7																7
Song Sparrow		4	5				4		1				3	5			22
Lincoln's Sparrow	1														1		2
White-crowned Sparrow	10	5							2				5		12		34
Dark lored races																	(0)
"Gambel's" race																	(0)
Golden-crowned Sparrow																	0
Dark-eyed Junco					3												3
"White-winged" race					(1)												(0)
"Slate-colored" race					(2)												(1)
"Oregon" race																	(2)
"Pink-sided" race																	(0)
"Gray-headed" race																	(0)
Junco race																	(0)
McDow's Longspur	5																5
Chestnut-collared Longspur	2																2
Northern Cardinal								2									2
Black-headed Grosbeak					13	1								1	6	2	23
Blue Grosbeak									1								1
Lazuli Bunting						2									1		3
Red-winged Blackbird	300	120	23	15		12	12	100	22	2			60	30	6	12	714
Western Meadowlark	22	11	5	7	1	5		50	16	3			5	8	12		145
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2100	115							2				1	13	4		2235
Brewer's Blackbird		31		1	1	1											34
Common Grackle	130	6	21	4		25	26	40	28	20	60		50	25	11	6	452
Great-tailed Grackle	1	2						4									7
Brown-headed Cowbird	3	9	1	7	1	5	6	20	1	1			3	4		2	63
Orchard Oriole						2		20	1	1							24
Baltimore Oriole								4									4
Bullock's Oriole	1	1	1	1		40	4	20	36	6			2	11	3		126
House Finch		16	12		2		4	15	4	5	30					2	90
Lesser Goldfinch																1	1
"Green-backed" race																	(0)
"Black-backed" race																	(0)
American Goldfinch	2	1		12		2	3	30	3				1	3			57
Evening Grosbeak				3													3
House Sparrow		2	20			15	20	20		30	65		6	2	5		187
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3073	1021	287	522	198	481	381	1275	443	266	283	0	488	377	296	109	9,500
TOTAL SPECIES	84	82	#REF!	63	39	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	####	####	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!

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Apologies, this issue is bursting at the seams and we have run out of space and are unable to fit in the large number of this month's Additional Reports.

Anyone who can't wait for the next issue and needs the report, can email me (veronicholt@att.net) and I will gladly send a copy.

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August 2003

5th Annual Barr Lake Fall Birding Festival

Saturday, September 20th, 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- ☐ Guided bird walks for all birding ability levels
- ☐ Migratory bird banding research station
- ☐ Games, crafts, and prizes for kids
- ☐ Driving tour of the wildlife refuge aboard the Eagle Express
- ☐ Bird feeding and ID specialists
- ☐ Live birds of prey

FREE (shade grown) COFFEE and low-cost snacks

Admission is \$1 per person for festival participants. Park visitors not participating in the festival pay regular park fee (\$5 per vehicle). Barr Lake's fall birding festival is supported by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, City of Brighton, Wild Birds Unlimited, Adams County Science and Cultural Facilities district, and Eagle Optics. Festival proceeds will benefit Barr Lake Prairie Restoration Projects.



DFO Field Trips for August 2003

Saturday, August 2

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg 303-699-1721

Meet leader in park parking lot at 0700. From intersection of Main Street and Hwy 83 in Parker, go south 1.2 miles. Turn right on to Indian Pipe Lane to parking area. Bring lunch and drinking water, trip will finish shortly after lunch. Easy walking on mostly paved trails.

Sunday, August 3

Crow Valley Campground to Lower Latham

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0730 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson, off I-76. Bring lunch, snacks and water for a long day of birding. Should see prairie birds as well as early fall migrants. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Please call leader if going, to facilitate carpooling.

Saturday, August 9

Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: Patti Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947

Meet at 0800 at RTD Park and Ride, northeast corner of E. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of West 6th Ave., main lot. Bring lunch and extra water. Look for mountain birds, mostly birding near the car.

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DFO Field Trips for August 2003, continued

Sunday, August 10

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at 0730 at the Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Lunch optional, bring water. Easy hike on paved trails, wheelchair accessible. Should see herons, pelicans, ibis and other water birds.

Saturday, August 16

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. From I-76 east, take the Bromley Lane exit-west to Picadilly Lane and turn south to park entrance. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Easy walking on dirt and paved trails. Parks Pass required.

Sunday, August 17

Chatfield State Park

Leaders: Lea Ann and Bob Brown, 303-791-6204. Meet leaders at 0730 at the swim beach inside the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 ½ miles south of C-470. ½ day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, August 23

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-768-7121. Meet leader at ranch by 0830. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north, but continue east on Morgan County road F to CR 14, then turn north for approximately one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water.

Sunday, August 24

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. Meet leader at the Visitor's Center at the park. State Parks Pass required. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Bring extra water.

Saturday, August 30

Boulder Mountain Park

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, 303-494-6708. Meet leaders at 0800 at Table Mesa Shopping Center. Take U.S. 36 to Table Mesa Drive, then go west on Table Mesa Drive to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway for ¼ block, then turn right into Table Mesa Shopping Center. Look for Savers sign and park facing Broadway. Bring lunch and water, trip will finish shortly after lunch. Short distance hiking on gentle slopes. Virginia's Warbler and vireos are possible.

Sunday, August 31

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Dee Gielissen, 303-973-4934. Meet leader at Nature Center in park at 0800, bring lunch and extra water. Moderate hike on dirt and paved trails. Should see golden eagles, foothills birds and migrants. State Parks pass required. To reach the park take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd. on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles).

Monday, September 1-Labor Day

Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife parking lot located at 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th and go west to Broadway, then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Will walk about 6 ½ miles looking for shorebirds, ducks and other migrants. Full day trip, bring lunch and lots of extra water. Both State Wildlife Area Pass (\$3) and State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Jackie King, Compiled by Cris Cook

DFO Field Trip Summaries for June 2003**May 31, Sunday** *Big Dry Creek Open Space (BIG)*

Leader(s): John Flavin. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Gordon Hodgson. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open fields, ponds, creek, riparian, elevation 5600'. **Weather:** Low stratus overcast, 57-60°F, northeast wind, 10-15 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 81 individuals.

June 1, Sunday *Longmont Area (LON)*

Leader(s): Chris Owens, Richard Mendez. **Observers:** Lucie Clark, Peter Frechtel, Allen Hagood, Peggy Hankins, Wayne & Dianna Johnston, Liz Murphy, Dick Pratt, Larry & Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0710-1515. **Distance:** 60 miles by car. **Habitat:** Ponds, lakes, riparian, foothills, elevation 4900'. **Weather:** Overcast to partly cloudy, 70°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 74 species, 1376 individuals.

June 7, Saturday *Cherry Creek Reservoir (CHE)*

Leader(s): Beverlee Guild. **Observers:** Alison Donnelly, Laura Stahl. **Time:** 0710-1206. **Distance:** 12.4 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, riparian, meadows, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Clouds followed by partly sunny, 43-56°F, very slight breeze. **Totals:** 48 species, 1636 individuals.

June 8, Sunday *Boulder/Longmont/Lyons – Raptor Nest Tour (BOU)*

Leader(s): Wayne and Dianna Johnston. **Observers:** Bill and Becky Eeds, Joan Kyhos, Mary Stallings, Allen Hagood, Polleke Siraa, John Flavin, Larry Crowley. **Time:** 0900-1900. **Distance:** 175 miles by car. **Totals:** 9 species, 44 individuals.

June 14, Saturday *Pawnee Grasslands and Crow Valley (PAW)*

Leader(s): Dick Pratt. **Observers:** Ellie Baker, Judi Day, Allen Hagood, Joe Krieg, Colleen Nunn, Polleke Siraa, Scott Yarberry. **Time:** 0800-1800. **Distance:** 250 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Short grass, prairie, reservoirs, elevation 4500'. **Weather:** Clear, nice, afternoon thunder, 60-70°F. **Totals:** 72 species, 625 individuals.

June 15, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Paula Hansley. **Observers:** Don Beltz, Peggy Hankins, Larry Wilson, Beverlee Guild, Nina Routh, Luci Clark, Richard Pinkham, Mary Stallings, Allen Hagood, Leona Berger, Cin Murphy, Beverly Bresnick, Launes Runnells, Rick and Jayni Eichhorn, Jim Swan, Micki O'Brien, Joe Elliott, Bob Montgomery, Nancy Hawkins. **Time:** 0800-1315. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Aspen, ponderosa, lodgepole, montane meadow, riparian (will/aspen), elevation 8400-9000'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-78°F, no wind. **Totals:** 39 species, 156 individuals.

June 21, Saturday *Rocky Mountain National Park (ROC)*. **Leader:** Bob Righter. **Observers:** Meredith Anderson, Ellie Baker, Don Beltz, Bob & Oveta DeBoer, Peter Frechtel, Chuck Lowrie, Nina Routh, Dick Schottler, Tim Schowalter, Steve Sinclair, Bob & Shirley Spencer. **Time:** 0800-1500. **Distance:** 50 miles car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Tundra, forest, grassland, aerial, aquatic, hillside shrub, elevation 7000-12000'. **Weather:** Clear, partly cloudy, 45-75°F, north wind, 0-30 mph. **Totals:** 44 species, 243 individuals.

June 22, Sunday *Barr Lake (BAR)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Joan & Marty Blumberg, Bob Rohwedder, Mary Stallings, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake, prairie, riparian, cottonwoods, elevation 5300'. **Weather:** Clear, 60-70°F, northwest wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 37 species, 380 individuals.

June 28, Saturday *Hack Ranch and Georgia Pass (HAC)*

Leader(s): Carol Hack. **Observers:** Bob Bierling, Bob and Oveta DeBoer, Patty Echelmeyer, Peter Frechtel, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Peggy Hankins, Chuck Lowrie, Diane Wagner, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. **Time:** 0820-1600. **Distance:** 47.6 miles by car, 2.3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland, meadows, alpine slopes, aspen, willow stream-side, townsite, elevation 9700-11000'. **Weather:** AM clear, PM partly cloudy, 50-78°F, north wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 62 species, 408 individuals.

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DFO Field Trip Summaries for June 2003, continued

June 29 *Braille Trail and Genesee (BRA)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze. **Observers:** Jimmy Cruze, Alison Donnelly, Peggy Hankins, Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Betty Minges, Joyce Mosetic, Paul and Phoebe Thayer. **Time:** 0810-1200. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills forests, meadows, pond, elevation 6000-7000'. **Weather:** Cool, cloudy, 50-65°F, south-southwest wind, 1-10 mph. **Totals:** 40 species, 209 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

June 3 *Lower White Ranch (LOW)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 29. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, chokecherry, elevation 6150-6600'. **Weather:** Partly sunny to partly cloudy, 60-75°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 110 individuals.

June 10 *Lair O' the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park (LAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow, some ponderosa and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to partly sunny, 60-73°F, east wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 33 species, 161 individuals.

June 17 *Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Visitor's Center, Crawford Gulch and Panorama Point (GOL)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, willow, ponds, meadows, aspen, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, elevation 8100-9500'. **Weather:** Cloudy, 60-64°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 76 individuals.

June 24 *Stapleton Drive, Braille Trail near Chief Hosa and Backyard Feeder, to the road and the point (STA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 25 (two groups). **Time:** 0830-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine woodland, elevation 7200'. **Weather:** Cloudy, foggy with very light mist, 52-54°F, southwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 23 species, 91 individuals.

Welcome New Member

D. Diane Brown, 271 Hudson Street, Denver, CO 80220, 303-393-1815

Contributions None this month

Field Trip Summary Table, June 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	31-May	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	3	10	17	24	
	BIG	LON	CHE	BOU	PAW	GOL	ROC	BAR	HAC	BRA	LOW	LAI	GOL	STA	
Pied-billed Grebe					2										2
Eared Grebe					2				12						14
Western Grebe		11	10		2										23
Clark's Grebe		2	1												3
American White Pelican		292	25		1			16							334
Double-crested Cormorant		51	100		10			1							162
Great Blue Heron	2	47	7		5			2		1					64
Great Egret		11						1							12
Snowy Egret					1			1							2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	5	7		1										14
White-faced Ibis		3			2										5
Turkey Vulture		4	1							4		1		1	11
Canada Goose		140	50		20			160	52						422
Gadwall		2			2			1	3						8
American Wigeon									2						2
Mallard	7	35	8		16		2	3	6	5	2	9			93
Blue-winged Teal		1	1		6			1	1						10
Cinnamon Teal		8			10				4						22
Northern Shoveler		2	1												3
Northern Pintail					2				2						4
Green-winged Teal	2	1					2		5						10
Redhead					6				8						14
Ring-necked Duck									6						6
Lesser Scaup		1							10						11
Bufflehead									5						5
Common Goldeneye									3						3
Ruddy Duck					1				20						21
Osprey		1		3											4
Bald Eagle				3											3
Northern Harrier		2		1											3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2					1								3
Swainson's Hawk	1	2	3	7	6			1	2						22
Red-tailed Hawk	4	11		16	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	2			46
western races	4								6						(10)
Ferruginous Hawk					2										2
Buteo sp.		1													1
Golden Eagle		4		1	1				1	1					8
American Kestrel	1	12		9	4			4	2						32
Prairie Falcon				3											3
Ring-necked Pheasant			2					2							4
White-tailed Ptarmigan							2								2
Sora					1										1
American Coot	2				4										6

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	BIG	LON	CHE	BOU	PAW	GOL	ROC	BAR	HAC	BRA	LOW	LAI	GOL	STA	
Killdeer		11	2		12			10	2		1				38
Black-necked Stilt					4										4
American Avocet		3	1		6										10
Willet			1												1
Spotted Sandpiper	1	2	1				2	1							7
Wilson's Snipe		1			1				3						5
Wilson's Phalarope					20				10						30
Franklin's Gull		2													2
Ring-billed Gull		2	18		4										24
California Gull			3												3
Common Tern		1													1
Forster's Tern					1										1
Black Tern		2													2
Rock Dove	2	3	2		1								2		10
Band-tailed Pigeon						8									8
Mourning Dove	5	20	20		40	6		10		6	1			2	110
Great Horned Owl		1					1								2
Burrowing Owl				1	5										6
Common Nighthawk					4										4
White-throated Swift		3								1					4
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		4				15	15		8	21	1	6	7	31	108
Belted Kingfisher		3										1			4
Lewis's Woodpecker		1													1
Williamson's Sapsucker						1	2								3
Red-naped Sapsucker						2	2		7				1		12
Downy Woodpecker		3						1	1			2			7
"Rocky Mountain" race									1						(1)
Hairy Woodpecker						5	3					1			9
"Rocky Mountain" race						5									(5)
Northern Flicker	1	4	5		1		1		4	1	1	3	2		23
"Red-shafted" race	(1)									(1)					(2)
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1				2				2	5
Western Wood-Pewee		6	10		2	1		3	2	1	10	2	1	2	40
Hammond's Flycatcher							4								4
Dusky Flycatcher						1	1		1						3
Cordilleran Flycatcher						2	3			5		4	5	8	27
Empidonax sp.												1			1
Say's Phoebe					4										4
Western Kingbird	2	9	20		35			10		4					80
Eastern Kingbird		5	2		2			4							13
Loggerhead Shrike					1										1
Plumbeous Vireo												1	2		3
Warbling Vireo		2				4	10		6		1	4	6	1	34
Red-eyed Vireo													1		1
Gray Jay									1					1	2
Steller's Jay						1	6			1		1	3		12
Blue Jay		1													1
Western Scrub-Jay											1				1
Clark's Nutcracker									1						1
Black-billed Magpie	3		25		4	1	10	4	12	1	3	1	1		65
American Crow	1	5				2			2	3					13
Common Raven		2				1	2		7	6				1	19
Horned Lark					50		4		20						74
Tree Swallow		2	6			20	6		20	4					58
Violet-green Swallow			50			6	30			31	20	17	1	5	160
Northern Rough-winged Swallow								2							2
Bank Swallow					25										25
Cliff Swallow	14	327	1000		50			4	30			6	3		1436
Barn Swallow	1	14	20		2	1					1		3		42
Black-capped Chickadee			4					2		7	2	2	1		18
Mountain Chickadee						4	6		3	3			1	6	23
Red-breasted Nuthatch							4								4
White-breasted Nuthatch						1	1			6				1	9
Pygmy Nuthatch						2	4			5					11

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LOCATION	BIG	LON	CHE	BOU	PAW	GOL	ROC	BAR	HAC	BRA	LOW	LAI	GOL	STA	
House Wren		3	4			6	20	22	8	12	3	5	3	5	93
Marsh Wren		1			6										7
American Dipper		1										9			10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						4	40		8				4	5	61
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			2												2
Western Bluebird										5					5
Mountain Bluebird						4	4		5				3	1	17
Townsend's Solitaire							1								1
Swainson's Thrush											2				2
Hermits Thrush							1		1					5	7
American Robin	4	7	25		10	6	6	8	11	4	6	8	7	3	105
Gray Catbird		4	4									11			19
Northern Mockingbird					4							1			5
Brown Thrasher					1										1
European Starling	3	10	20		10			12	8	2	3				68
American Pipit							6								6
Cedar Waxwing		15													15
Virginia's Warbler										1					1
Yellow Warbler		2	8		2		1	4	2		4	25	1		49
Yellow-rumped Warbler		20				4	3		10						37
"Audubon's" race						4			10						(14)
MacGillivray's Warbler						1									1
Common Yellowthroat	1	3	4		2										10
Wilson's Warbler						1			4						5
Western Tanager										3		1	1	3	8
Green-tailed Towhee						1	2						1		4
Spotted Towhee		2			2						3	3		1	11
Chipping Sparrow						3	4								7
Brewer's Sparrow					6										6
Vesper Sparrow									3		1				4
Lark Sparrow					20										20
Lark Bunting					55										55
Savannah Sparrow					1				8						9
Song Sparrow		14	6		1	4		2	2	2	1	8	3		43
Lincoln's Sparrow						2	2		4		2				10
White-crowned Sparrow							2		6						8
Dark lored races									6						(8)
Golden-crowned Sparrow							4								4
Dark-eyed Junco						5			3	10			4	3	25
"State-colored" race										10					(10)
"Gray-headed" race						5			3					3	(11)
McCown's Longspur					10										10
Chestnut-collared Longspur					10										10
Black-headed Grosbeak						1				3					4
Blue Grosbeak								2			4				6
Lazuli Bunting		1									10	2			13
Red-winged Blackbird	12	110	65		30	3		20	2	10			3		255
Western Meadowlark	2	19	12		25			4	7		2		2		73
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	34			10										45
Brewer's Blackbird		2	4						10				1		17
Common Grackle	7	8	35		2	1		30		2			3		88
Great-tailed Grackle					1										1
Brown-headed Cowbird		3	8		6	2	1	1	3	8	2	2			36
Orchard Oriole					2			3			1				6
Baltimore Oriole					1										1
Bullock's Oriole	1	14	8					22		3	9	3			60
Pine Grosbeak									4						4
Cassin's Finch									3						3
House Finch		8	1		4		2		2	16		8		1	42
Red Crossbill							15								15
Pine Siskin						20	4		1	2				2	29
Lesser Goldfinch		3								3	1	3		1	11
"Black-backed" race										3		3			(6)
American Goldfinch		2	20		2					3	10	6			43
House Sparrow			4		20			5	3						32
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	81	1376	1636	44	625	156	243	380	408	209	110	161	76	91	5,596
TOTAL SPECIES	25	74	48	9	72	39	44	37	62	40	30	33	20	23	161

a=adult, i=immature, j=juvenile, y=young, n=nesting, m=mate, f=female, h=heard only, c=calling, s=singing, boldface=rare, unusual, +=also/in addition to, x=individual data incomplete/not enumerated.

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
April Additional Report					
Lucy's Warbler	4/13-15	1f	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Rich Miller, Mymn Ackley, Brandon Percival, mob.
May Additional Reports					
Common Loon	5/2	1 i.	near E. boat ramp Nee Gronda Reservoir	Kiowa	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Common Loon	5/14	1 i.	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Kathy Mihm Dunning
American Bittern	5/9	2	160th @ Gun Club Rd	Adams	Aron Sell
American Bittern	5/22	4c	Fort Lyon area marshes	Bent	Brandon Percival
Least Bittern	5/10	1c	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Jason Beason
Least Bittern	5/22-25	1c	Fort Lyon S.W.A.	Bent	Brandon Percival, mob.
Snowy Egret	5/23	2	No. of Rocky Mtn. Arsenal	Adams	Patty Echelmeyer
Green Heron	5/6	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Green Heron	5/12	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Glossy Ibis	5/11	1a	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering
Glossy Ibis	5/17	1a	Valco Pond in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Glossy Ibis	5/23	1	Between Only Rds 45 & 42	Weld	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Eurasian Wigeon	4/17	1m	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Broad-winged Hawk	5/4	1	Lamar Cemetery on Maple St	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
Broad-winged Hawk	5/4	1	Over Ordway	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Steve Stachowiak
Broad-winged Hawk	5/17	1 1st spr	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Peregrine Falcon	5/3	3	Lake Cheraw	Crowley	J. Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, S. Stachowiak
Peregrine Falcon	5/25	1a late	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Black Rail	5/22	14c	Fort Lyon area marshes	Bent	Brandon Percival
Black-necked Stilt	5/19	1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Whimbrel	5/2, 5/4	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, mob.
Whimbrel	5/5	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
Whimbrel	5/12	1	Smith Reservoir	Costilla	Coen Dexter, Brenda Wright, Brandon Percival
Whimbrel	5/12	3	Beebe Draw near Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Whimbrel	5/17	1	Valco Pond in Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Long-billed Curlew	5/14 & 5/18	2	US36 E. of milepost 171	Washington	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Ruddy Turnstone	5/25	2	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Kiowa	Duane Nelson, Brandon Percival, Ric Olson
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/24	3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pectoral Sandpiper	5/9	1	Thurston Res.	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Pectoral Sandpiper	5/10	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, mob.
Laughing Gull	5/8	1a	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
Caspian Tern	5/2	1	Lake Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Rachel Hopper
White-winged Dove	5/4	1	Riverside Cemetery, Lamar	Prowers	Kathy Mihm Dunning
White-winged Dove	5/4	1	Lamar Cemetery on Maple St	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal
White-winged Dove	5/21	1s	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Lesser Nighthawk	5/3	1m	Neenoshie Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Rachel Hopper, mob.
Lewis's Woodpecker	5/27	1	Castlewood Canyon SP	Douglas	Aron Sell
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	5/3	1m, 1f	South of Lamar	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, S. Stachowiak
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	5/3-9	1m, 1f	AT&T Tower, south of Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Rachel Hopper, mob.
Black-chinned Hummingbird	5/20	1f on nest	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Ric Olson (found the nest)
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/3	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	J. Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, S. Stachowiak
Philadelphia Vireo	5/14	1	Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny SP	Yuma	Kathy Mihm Dunning
Red-eyed Vireo	5/11	1s	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Coen Dexter
Red-eyed Vireo	5/17	1s	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson
Red-eyed Vireo	5/18	1s	Valco Ponds in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Yeager
Eastern Bluebird	5/10	1m	Only Rd 3 S. of Chatfield SP	Douglas	Bob Brown
Bobolink	5/30	1ms	Winkler Ranch	Douglas	Aron Sell
Veery	5/16	1	Chico Basin Ranch	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Veery	5/16	1	Chico Basin Ranch	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Tony Leukering, mob.
Veery	5/16	2	Last Chance	Washington	Joey Kellner, Ric Olson, Glenn Walbek
Veery	5/21	1	Lamar High School grove	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Veery	5/21	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner
Painted Bunting	5/26	1ms	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca/Las Animas	J. Kellner, Norm Erthal, Glenn Walbek, Joe Roller

Conservation News from Audubon

Hi Everybody,

I wanted to make sure that everyone who's concerned about bird conservation in Colorado gets the word that the Colorado Division of Wildlife staff have decided not to proceed with a proposal to add blackbirds and grackles to a list of birds that can be taken without a permit in certain cases of depredation. Please feel free to share this news with anyone in your organization who might not hear it otherwise.

In case you didn't hear about this, there was a recent proposal to change the CDOW regs #519 to add "yellow headed, redwinged, rusty and Brewer's blackbirds, cowbirds, and all grackles" to the list of birds (currently crows and magpies) that "may be taken at any time of the year or at any time of the day or night when found committing or about to commit depredation upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance." If pursued, this proposal would have been considered by the Wildlife Commission at its next meeting on July 10-11.

Audubon Colorado staff met with CDOW staff to express our concerns about this proposal. We believed this would be a bad policy precedent, that there are serious issues surrounding the significant declines in rusty blackbird populations, that this approach to dealing with depredation is ineffective and therefore simply results in wasteful killing, etc. We are pleased that CDOW staff carefully considered the concerns expressed by us and others, reviewed the proposal among their own staff, and came to the conclusion that they would not recommend this change to the Wildlife Commission. Although the Commission could choose to take up this matter on their own, that seems unlikely without a recommendation from staff.

I want to thank Shirley Casey, Cathy Shelton, Ann Bonnell, Polly Reetz and others for alerting us to this proposal and for expressing their concerns to CDOW staff at a May Environmental Roundtable where the proposal was announced. I want to thank Kent Simon and others whom I don't know of, who contacted CDOW on their own. I also want to thank the CDOW staff for giving due consideration to the input received from members of the bird conservation community. The voices of many people really made a difference. We've also learned that a well-reasoned, collaborative approach to working with CDOW at the staff level can produce very good results.

This outcome is a good sign of CDOW's renewed commitment to All-Bird Conservation and to working through a process at the staff level that considers legitimate information and recommendations from people and organizations outside the Division. If we hear any further word about developments on this or related issues, we'll share that with you and encourage all of you to do the same.

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Additional Reports for June, continued

Wood Thrush	5/3	1a	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Rachel Hopper, J. Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, S. Stachowiak, m.ob.
Swainson's Thrush	5/19	1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/9	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner
Brown Thrasher	5/14	1	Cherry Creek State Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Tennessee Warbler	5/3	1	Fairmount Cemetery in Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	5/9	1f	Neenoke Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Tennessee Warbler	5/19	1ms	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	5/21	2m, 1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, m.ob.
Nashville Warbler	5/3	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	J. Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler, S. Stachowiak
Northern Parula	5/1	1m	Arkansas River in Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Parula	5/2	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Ric Olson, Rachel Hopper
Northern Parula	5/9	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Peterson, Peter Gaede
Northern Parula	5/21	1ms	Last Chance	Washington	Joey Kellner

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September 2003

"Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home?"

September 3, 2003 7:30 pm

Our September presentation launches our 2003-2004 feature presentations. It features a commentary and living biography of the working life of Dr. Alfred Bailey, ornithologist and naturalist.

Dr. Bailey was Director of the Denver Museum of Natural History from 1936 to 1969, and co-author of the book *Birds of Colorado*. The presentation will be given by Kris Haglund, Head of the Archives Dept., and Liz Clancy, Image Archivist. Enjoy snippets of Dr. Bailey's life through his significant contributions to Colorado ornithology.

Mark your calendar!



The program on October 1 will feature
"Owls of Rocky Mountain National Park & Estes Valley" by Scott Rashid.



DFO Field Trips for September 2003

September 1, Monday

Prewitt & Jackson Reservoirs (PRE)

Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748

Meet leader at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife lot located at 606 N. Broadway. Exit I25 at 58th and go west to Broadway then north to Colorado Division of Wildlife. Will walk about 6 1/2 miles looking for shorebirds, ducks, and other migrants. Full day trip, bring lunch and extra water. Both State and Wildlife Area Pass (3.00) and State Parks Pass required.

September 6, Saturday

Longmont / Boulder (LON)

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0830 at Park n Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Rd. From I 25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52) turn left at exit (west), go 6.8 miles and turn right on Hwy 287 (north), go 0.7 miles and turn left on Niwot Rd (west). We will drive to birding hotspots around Longmont and Boulder. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

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DFO Field Trips for September 2003, continued

September 7, Sunday

Chatfield Reservoir (CHA)

Leader: Mary Burger 303-771-3431

Meet leader at 0800 at fee station inside west entrance of park, off of S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C470. State Parks pass required. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

FALL COUNT SCHEDULE 2003

Thursday, Sept. 11

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leaders: J. B. Hayes, 303-798-9683.

Meet at 0700 at Marina, inside west gate. Go east from Yosemite St on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Waterton

Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723

Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion, turn left immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon. Walk downstream for 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed.

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035.

Meet at 0630 at RMBO at 14500 Lark Bunting Lane. From I-76, turn south off Bromley Lane from I-76, first road east of railroad track. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake (or equivalent).

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748.

Meet at 0600 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park, off of S. Wadsworth Blvd, 1 1/2 miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required.

Sunday Sept. 14

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381.

Meet at 0630 at the Homestead. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance. Homestead is first parking lot on the left. State Parks pass required.

Barr Lake periphery.

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

Meet at 0700 at intersection of Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane. This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723.

Call leader to sign up either before Aug. 20 or after Sept. 9.

DFO Field Trips for September 2003, continued

Monday, Sept. 15

Lower Bear Creek

Leader: Tamie Bulow, 303-462-1238.

Meet at 0700 at northwest corner of Hampden (US 285) and So. Sheridan Blvd., in front of Albertson's. Please call leader if you plan to go.

End of Fall Count

September 20, Saturday

Lower Latham / Beebe Draw (LOW)

Leader: Dick Maxfield 1-970-381-0115

Meet leader at 0800 in Gilcrest at the Phillips 66 Station located on west side of US Hwy 85. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

September 21, Sunday

Longmont Area (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens & Richard Mendez 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0730 at Safeway on the southeast corner of 17th & Pace. From I 25 take exit 240 and go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder/Weld County Line Rd, then north 2 miles to Jim Hamm Park. From Jim Hamm Park go one mile west to Safeway parking lot. State Parks Pass needed. 3/4 day trip, bring lunch.

September 27, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)

Leader: Dave Rhoades 303-424-8633

Call leader for details and to sign up for trip, space is limited. Will bird from about 8 - 1pm, lunch optional.

September 28, Sunday

Cherry Creek State Park (CHE)

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381

Meet leader at 0700 at west entrance of park, go east from Yosemite St on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. State Parks Pass required. 1/2 to 3/4 day trip, lunch optional.

Scheduled by Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662



Volunteer Field Trip Scheduler Needed!

It has been my pleasure to schedule field trips for DFO for four months a year (March, June, September and December) for the last three years. Now, it's someone else's turn!

December 2003 will be the last month that I will schedule field trips, therefore we need someone to fill in by January 2004, as that is when March field trips are scheduled.

If you are interested please contact me: Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662 or: wjohnston@att.net, thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, July 2003

July 5, Saturday

Gregory Canyon/Boulder area (GRE)

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Larry Modesitt, Diana and Don Mulleneaux, Joyce Takamine, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0730-1230. **Distance:** 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills and plains, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Clear sky, 75-90°F, no wind. **Totals:** 42 species, 136 individuals.

July 6, Sunday

Parker/Franktown area (FRA)

Leader(s): Gail Evans and Karen Metz. **Observers:** Peggy Hankins, Charlie Lawrence, Bob Rohwedder. **Time:** 0600-1130. **Distance:** 16 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, hay meadows, pastureland, elevation 5800'. **Weather:** Sunny, hot, 58-91°F, southeast wind, 3-15 mph. **Totals:** 64 species, 298 individuals.

July 12, Saturday

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0700-1500. **Distance:** 23 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Montane, willow carr, aspen and conifer forests, elevation 8200-9200'. **Weather:** Clear, 48-82°F, west wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 48 species, 199 individuals.

July 13, Sunday

Deer Creek Canyon to Meyer Ranch Park (DEE)

Leader(s): J.B. Hayes. **Observers:** Janie and Rick Eichhorn, Peggy Hankins, Betsy Hedberg, Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1340. **Distance:** 39 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grasslands, riparian, oak scrub, ponderosa, Douglas fir, aspen groves, mountain meadows, elevation 5400-8500'. **Weather:** Hot, no clouds in am, no breeze, 65-97°F, variable wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 58 species, 304 individuals.

July 19, Saturday

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes and Empire (FIL)

Leader(s): Lynn Willcockson. **Observers:** George Armbrust, Warren Finch, Peter Frechtel, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Liz Willcockson. **Time:** 0800-1530. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 2.75 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponderosa pine, spruce forest, alpine tundra, elevation 7000-13000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, 55-80°F, wind variable, west to southwest, 0-25 mph. **Totals:** 45 species, 125 individuals.

July 20, Sunday

Lyons Area (LYO)

Leader(s): Raymond Davis. **Observers:** Warren Finch, John Flavin, Dianna and Wayne Johnston, Charlie Lawrence, Ryan and Wendy Smith, Joyce Takamine, Jan and Keith Wiggers, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Dry, open ponderosa and foothills riparian with cliffs, elevation 5300-6000'. **Weather:** Hot. **Totals:** 48 species, 210 individuals.

July 26, Saturday

Lair o' the Bear Park, Mount Falcon Park (LAI)

Leader(s): Norm Lewis. **Observers:** Barbara Churchley, Alison Donnelly, Elaine and Mel Emeigh, Peggy Fitzgerald, Mike Foster, Bob Hutchison, Nina Routh, Diane Wagner. **Time:** 0700-1400. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, meadow, coniferous forest. **Weather:** Clear to partly cloudy, 70-90°F, variable wind, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 47 species, 434 individuals.

July 27, Sunday

Guanella Pass Road (GUA)

Leader(s): Sue Schulman. **Observers:** JoAnn van Balen, Mary Burger, Patty Echelmeyer, Allison Hilf, Paula Hoffman, Diana Mullineaux, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0630-1330. **Distance:** 110 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, high mountain meadows, forest, elevation 8000-11114'. **Weather:** Overcast to sunny, partly cloudy, 53-68°F. **Totals:** 28 species, 91 individuals.

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Field Trip Summaries, July 2003 continued

Tuesday Birders

July 1 *Los Lagos, near Rollinsville (LOS)*

Leader(s): Phyllis Baldwin and Betsy Owens. **Observers:** 34. **Time:** 0930-1200. **Distance:** 4.5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lakes, riparian, ponderosa and lodgepole pine, elevation 8600'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy to sunny, 62-84°F, south wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 121 individuals.

July 8 *Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground – Pike National Forest (JAR)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 21. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, ponderosa pine, aspen woodland, willow, elevation 7600'. **Weather:** Very sunny, 75-93°F, variable wind, 1-5 mph. **Totals:** 29 species, 79 individuals.

July 15 *Pine Valley Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park (PIN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0830-1300. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, Douglas fir and grassy meadows, elevation 7200'. **Weather:** Sunny, 75-90°F, light wind. **Totals:** 27 species, 71 individuals.

July 22 *Mt Evans - Squaw Pass, Echo and Summit Lakes (EVA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 23. **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 40 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Tundra, lakes, ponderosa, lodgepole and bristlecone pine, aspen and some riparian, elevation 9000-12930'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 64-72°F, southeast wind, 0-20 mph. **Totals:** 25 species, 159 individuals.

July 29 *Evergreen Lake, O'Fallon Park (EVE)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 18. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Lake and marsh, willow, ponderosa pine, elevation 7040'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 57°F, calm. **Totals:** 33 species, 222 individuals.

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Contributions None this month

Field Trip Summary Table, August 2003

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	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	24	30	31	5	12	19	26	
	PAR	PAW	GEN	PLA	BAR	CHA	RIG	GOL	BOU	ROX	VAI	GEO	GUA	KEN	
Pied-billed Grebe														3	3
Eared Grebe														1	1
Western Grebe					20	14									34
American White Pelican		70			125	8									203
Double-crested Cormorant		1		15	42	11				6					75
Great Blue Heron		4		4	36	7	2		2						55
Great Egret					5										5
Snowy Egret		10			24										34
Cattle Egret		9													9
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	6													8
White-faced Ibis					16									26	42
Turkey Vulture						1		6		3					10
Canada Goose	12	40		6	86	30								5	179
Gadwall														15	15
American Wigeon														8	8
Mallard		4		27	200	2	1	3						29	266
Blue-winged Teal		2													2
Northern Shoveler					40									1	41
Green-winged Teal						6									6
Redhead														10	10
Ring-necked Duck														1	1
Lesser Scaup														1	1
Bufflehead														1	1
Common Goldeneye														1	1
Common Merganser						14									14
Ruddy Duck														50	50
Osprey				1											1
Northern Harrier		2						1							3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2						1							3
Accipiter sp.			1					1							2
Swainson's Hawk		13			3		1							1	18
Red-tailed Hawk		1	2	1			2	3	1				4	5	19
western races							2								(2)
Golden Eagle							1		1	3					5
American Kestrel		4													4
Virginia Rail				2											2
Sora				1											1
American Coot														1	1
Semipalmated Plover					1										1
Killdeer	20	12			60	18	4								114

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American Avocet		18			5										23
Greater Yellowlegs					2										2
Lesser Yellowlegs		4			2	1									7
Solitary Sandpiper						2									2
Willet					1										1
Spotted Sandpiper		1			1	9					2				13
Whimbrel					1										1
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1				2									3
Western Sandpiper					1										1
Least Sandpiper						2									2
Baird's Sandpiper		18			20	7									45
Long-billed Dowitcher					1										1
Wilson's Snipe		12				3									15
Wilson's Phalarope														3	3
Franklin's Gull		6													6
Pink-billed Gull	1	66		3	60	18									148
California Gull					2	5									7
gull sp.			1												1
Black Tern		3													3
Rock Dove		5	5	22						12					44
Mourning Dove	8	73	7	15	12	5	300	2	12	15				4	453
Great Horned Owl							1						1		2
Burrowing Owl							5								5
Common Nighthawk		2					3								5
White-throated Swift									12						12
Black-chinned Hummingbird								1							1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			50			4		12	3	15	2	2	1		89
Rufous Hummingbird			2												2
Hummingbird sp.	1														1
Belted Kingfisher	1	3		3		2			3						12
Red-naped Sapsucker													1		1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1		2	1		1		2					8
Hairy Woodpecker			7												7
Northern Flicker	12	1	2	2	1	5		4		4					31
"Red-shafted" race	(12)							(4)							(16)
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1				1	1					3
Western Wood Pewee	5	3	10	4	3	5	6	1	22	6				1	66
Condillan Flycatcher								1	5	3			1		14
empidonax sp.							3	1							4
Say's Phoebe						1	1		3						5

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Western Kingbird	5	113		1	6		7		12				2		146
Eastern Kingbird	5	14			2		1								22
Loggerhead Shrike		1											1		2
Plumbeous Vireo										1					1
Warbling Vireo		1													1
Gray Jay											3				3
Steller's Jay			2					8	10				1		21
Blue Jay		3		2											5
Western Scrub-Jay										21					21
Clark's Nutcracker								2					1		3
Black-billed Magpie		1	5	1	1	11			7				2		28
American Crow	1	2	12	1		3		4	35	2	2	7	11	2	82
Common Raven								6					1	2	9
Horned Lark		6					7							1	14
Tree Swallow		3		5								8			16
Violet-green Swallow			5	2					35	8		10			60
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	100			21		3									124
Bank Swallow					4	2	1								7
Cliff Swallow	40	22										5			67
Barn Swallow	1	66		3	2	3	15	29							119
swallow sp.			20												20
Black-capped Chickadee	2			8		5		3	1	12					31
Mountain Chickadee			12					10				3		3	28
Red-breasted Nuthatch								8					1		9
White-breasted Nuthatch			3			1				2			1		7
Pygmy Nuthatch			3												3
Brown Creeper								1					1		2
Rock Wren					1		1			1					3
Canyon Wren										2					2
House Wren		2				2		3	2	1				1	11
American Dipper													1		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet												7	1		8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									3	21					24
Western Bluebird			9												9
Mountain Bluebird			5					6						12	23
Wood Thrush		3													3
American Robin	20	25		2		2		5	3	2	1	2	2		64
Gray Catbird		1				1			1						3
Northern Mockingbird									1						1
Sage Thrasher									2						2

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Brown Thrasher		9					1								10
European Starling		150		30	10	12			15						217
American Pipit											2				2
Cedar Waxwing						5									5
Virginia's Warbler								2	1	1					4
Yellow Warbler	1	6		6	3	4									20
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race			12					5				7	2	3	29 (5)
Townsend's Warbler								4				2			6
Northern Waterthrush							2								2
MacGillivray's Warbler								3	1						4
Wilson's Warbler							6	5		2	1	5	3		22
Yellow-breasted Chat									1	1					2
Western Tanager			5								1				6
Spotted Towhee									8	14					22
Chipping Sparrow	62		33		1	3	4	17	22				1	2	145
Clay-colored Sparrow									1	18					19
Brewer's Sparrow							5							10	15
Vesper Sparrow		4							4	25	2		1	3	39
Lark Sparrow	29	4				3	12		4						52
Lark Bunting		1041					30								1071
Song Sparrow	1							9		1	1				12
Lincoln's Sparrow								1	1						2
White-crowned Sparrow											15	7			22
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race			7 (7)					4 4				5	6 (6)		22 (17)
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		5		2				3	3					15
Blue Grosbeak									7						7
Lazuli Bunting					3		1								4
Red-winged Blackbird	20	650		26	17		1							55	769
Western Meadowlark	2	17			3		6		8						36
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3													3
Brewer's Blackbird						2								1	3
Common Grackle	20	25		7	4	8								6	70
Great-tailed Grackle		5													5
Orchard Oriole		1													1
Bullock's Oriole	5	1			4				2	1					13
House Finch	26	5	7	10		1			2	3				15	69
Pine Siskin			3					8				8			19
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race	2 2		3 3			8			1 1	32					46 (1) (5)
American Goldfinch	82	8		8	6	6		2	1	10				1	124
House Sparrow		50	4	21	7		20							6	108
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	488	2639	247	260	849	268	450	183	259	254	32	78	39	298	6,344
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Scheduling and compiling the information for monthly publication is a complex and time-consuming effort, therefore the responsibilities are shared by many dedicated volunteers. First day of the month is the deadline for all submittals. Email is preferred whenever possible.

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! Reminder: If your monthly *Lark Bunting* is late in arriving, please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert, 303.659.8750 for field trip information. We encourage members to routinely check the Bird Alert number for last minute trip changes or cancellations. Our web site also lists current field trip schedules: www.dfobirders.org.

Membership Information

Purpose: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while familiarizing themselves with their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

Regular Meetings: Monthly DFO Meetings Move from the Denver ZOO to the VIP Room of the Museum of Nature and Science. The monthly DFO meetings are at the Museum of Nature and Science and held in the VIP room. To get to the VIP room, enter through the security entrance on the north side of the building. If facing the main entrance on the north side of the Museum, the security entrance is just to the left of the main entrance. A security guard will be able to direct you to the VIP room. Or, after passing the security desk, turn left and proceed through the cafeteria area to the VIP room. Meetings start at 7:30 pm, and are open to the public without charge. Monthly membership meetings are on the first Wednesday September through May. General meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December). Dates and subjects of the meetings are on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert 303.659.8750, and in this newsletter.

Field Trips: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday, visiting a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally, special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other areas in Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged (to get the most from bird watching, as well as conserving time and energy). Carpooling charge (as of June 1) is .20 cents per mile, divided by the number of birders in the car, including the driver.

The Lark Bunting: the DFO monthly newsletter is issued to all members. It lists upcoming field trips, along with detailed reports of previous trips and check lists, along with interesting sightings reported by our members.

Membership Application

Please indicate: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

\$20.00 ☐ Regular Family Membership

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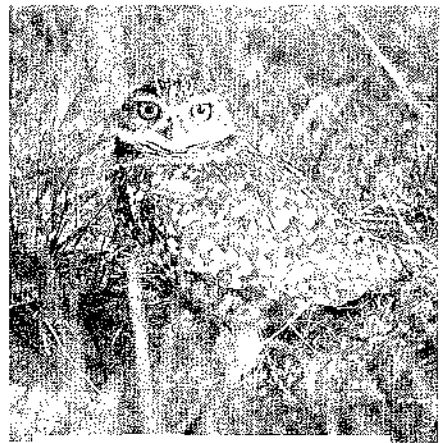
Owls of Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Estes Valley.

Wednesday October 1, 7.30 pm

The October 1, 2003 program for DFO is entitled Owls of Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Valley. Scott Rashid, avid birder and talented artist, will give a slide show of the owls in our own Rocky Mountain area, including some biological adaptations that make owls such distinct creatures.

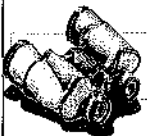
Woven into the program will be tidbits of natural history, commonalities with other species, and problems birds frequently face.

Scott will also share his expertise on his rehabilitation work. Many of you will recognize his name from frequent postings to CoBirds on Estes Park sightings, as well as being the illustrator of *Birding Rocky Mountain National Park* (by Scott Roederer).



Burrowing Owl

! Mark your calendars now for the November 5th program when Dr. Larry Sanders will present "Attu Fever: Birding on the Edge."



DFO Field Trips for October 2003

October 4, Saturday
Wheatridge Green Belt

Leader: Mike Foster (303-279-3026)

Meet at 0800 in the Prospect Lake parking lot (south of W. 44th Ave., just east of Robb St. in Wheatridge). Half-day trip; lunch optional. A new, enthusiastic leader for us!

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DFO Field Trips for October 2003, continued

October 5, Sunday

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Gregg Goodrich (303-655-9135)

Meet leader at 0800 at Nature Center in park. From Denver, take I-76 east to Bromley Lane (exit 22). Go east on Bromley to Picadilly Rd., then south about 2 miles to park entrance. Continue southwest to Nature Center. State Parks pass needed. Lunch optional.

October 11, Saturday

Bluff Lake Nature Area

Leader: Peggy Jonder (303-321-3465)

Meet leader at 0800 at nature display in parking lot. From I-70, take Havana exit. Go south about ¾ mile (crossing Smith Rd.). Turn left (east) and enter park through iron gate to parking area. Or from Montview Blvd., turn north on Moline and then turn east at gate. An area that can produce surprising species. Half-day trip.

October 12, Sunday

"The Big Sir" at Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner (303-978-1748)

Join "around-the-world" counters for an hour, a morning, or all day. Call DFO leader for details of this second annual fun event. Will need State Parks pass.

October 18, Saturday

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Glenn Walbec (303-841-8251)

Meet leader at 0800 at the park. From Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. Half-day trip.

October 19, Sunday

Hudson Gardens

Leader: Peggy Hankins (303-771-8987)

Meet leader at 0800 at visitor center at 6115 S. Santa Fe Dr. in Littleton, just south of Bowles Ave., on west side of Santa Fe Dr. A new leader and a new area!

October 25, Saturday

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: David Rhoades (303-424-8633)

Space is limited. Call leader for details. Trip will probably be 0800 to 1300. Glad our field trips can continue at this facility.

October 26, Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

Barr Lake periphery, including Jackson Lake

Leader: Jackie King (303-287-1644)

Meet at 0800 at Barr Lake Nature Center. State Parks pass needed. Full-day trip. Bring lunch and water. This trip will be mostly driving.

Volunteer Field Trip Scheduler Needed!



Dianna Johnston has been scheduling field trips for DFO for four months a year (March, June, September and December) for the last three years, is planning to step down from this position. **We need someone to take Dianna's place and help us keep up our mission to provide over a hundred field trips a year!**

December 2003 will be the last month that Dianna can schedule field trips, **therefore we need someone to fill in by January 2004**, (that is when March field trips are scheduled) . If you have some spare time and are interested in supporting DFO, please contact Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662 or wjohnston@att.net. Thanks—we look forward to hearing from you....

Welcome New Member!

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Contributions None this month

Reminder: DFO memberships will be due in December, and any memberships sent after October 1 are valid for 2004. There's a membership form on the last page.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, August 2003

August 2, Saturday *Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Buzz Schaumberg.

Observers: Mary Lou Dimond, Warren Finch. **Time:** 0700-1100. **Distance:** 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Trees and bushes, dry streambed, pond, wetlands. **Weather:** Dry, 52-60°F, calm. **Totals:** 29 species, 488 individuals.

August 3, Sunday *Pawnee National Grasslands and Lower Latham (PAW)*

Leader(s): Jackie King.

Observers: Charlie Lawrence, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1530. **Distance:** 152 miles by car. **Habitat:** Plains and riparian, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Hot, partly cloudy, 78-96°F, northwest wind, 10 mph. **Totals:** 62 species, 2639 individuals.

August 9, Saturday *Genessee Mountain Park (GEN)*

Leader(s): Patty Echelmeyer.

Observers: Chuck Lowrie. **Time:** 0800-1430. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, .25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Conifer woods, meadows, residence yard, elevation 6500-7500'. **Weather:** Mostly clear, one brief sprinkle, 70-85°F, no wind. **Totals:** 31 species, 247 individuals.

August 10, Sunday *South Platte Park (PLA)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze.

Observers: Barbara Brown, Peggy Roberts, Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0730-1100. **Distance:** 2.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** River, lakes, cottonwood groves. **Weather:** Warm, clear, 75-85°F, north-northwest wind, 8-12 mph. **Totals:** 31 species, 260 individuals.

August 16, Saturday *Barr Lake (BAR)*

Leader(s): Lee and Marilyn Rowe.

Observers: John Austin, Warren Finch, Nadine Glemba, Elizabeth Hulibree, Rita Klees, Maxine Priest, Peggy Roberts. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, 70-87°F, calm. **Totals:** 46 species, 849 individuals.

August 17, Sunday *Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Bob and Lea Ann Brown.

Observers: Peter Gillette, Joey Kellner, Deb Ostergard, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0730-1130. **Distance:** 10.8 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir, shoreline mudflats, riparian, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Clear early to partly cloudy late, 70-80°F, calm. **Totals:** 46 species, 268 individuals.

August 23, Saturday *Rigli Ranch and surrounding area (RIG)*

Leader(s): Joe Rigli. **Observers:** Fran Campbell, Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux, Tom Reilly. **Time:** 0830-1430. **Distance:** 13 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, grasslands, prairie, ponds, creeks, fields, elevation 4330'. **Weather:** Sunny, clear to partly cloudy, hot, 70-98°F, southeast wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 30 species, 450 individuals.

August 24, Sunday *Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GOL)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz.

Observers: Becky and Bill Eeds, Wayne and Dianna Johnston, Chuck Lowrie, Joyce Takamine, Larry Wilson. **Time:** 0630-1300. **Distance:** 14 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Montane riparian, ponderosa pine, douglas fir, lodgepole pine forest, elevation 8400-9000'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, west wind, 2-10 mph. **Totals:** 35 species, 183 individuals.

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Field Trip Summaries, August 2003 continued

August 30, Saturday *Boulder Area (BOU)*

Leader(s): Myran Plooster.

Observers: Jeff Nichols from Boone IA, Dianna Johnston. **Time:** 0815-1215. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Grassland and riparian gully, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Overcast, 60°F, calm. **Totals:** 40 species, 259 individuals.

August 31, Sunday *Roxborough State Park (ROX)*

Leader(s): Doris Cruze.

Observers: Mary Doud and Jeff Nichols from Boone IA. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 2.4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Open meadows, scrub oak forest, sedge meadow. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, heavy rains the previous evening, 47-60°F. **Totals:** 34 species, 254 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

August 5 *Vail Pass, Shrine Pass and Mt Holy Cross Overlook (VAI)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell.

Observers: 20. **Time:** 0930-1300. **Distance:** 3 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Pond, riparian, willow, pie, aspen, fir and spruce, elevation 11200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 62-70°F, calm wind. **Totals:** 11 species, 32 individuals.

August 12 *Georgetown, Guanella Pass Summit (GEO)*

Leader(s): Else Van Erp.

Observers: 18. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 24 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Lodgepole pine, aspen, willow, tundra, riparian, spruce and woodlands, elevation 8500-11669'. **Weather:** Sunny to mostly cloudy, 58-67°F, calm wind. **Totals:** 14 species, 78 individuals.

August 19 *South Side Guanella Pass – Grant, Burning Bear Campground, Duck Creek Picnic Ground (GUA)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell.

Observers: 20. **Time:** 0830-1230. **Distance:** 15 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Reservoir with lake, ponderosa pine, blue spruce, douglas fir and grassy meadows, elevation 8200-9700'. **Weather:** Sunny to partly cloudy, 57-64°F, east wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 17 species, 39 individuals.

August 26 *Kenosha Pass to Milligan Lakes and Indian Mountain Resort (KEN)*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 14. **Time:** 0900-1300. **Distance:** 30 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** South Park, short grass prairie, lakes, conifer and aspen, elevation 9400-10000'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 68-75°F, northeast wind, 0-4 mph. **Totals:** 42 species, 298 individuals.

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Ruddy Turnstone	8/29	1 juv	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	8/29	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob and Lea Ann Brown
Cassin's Vireo	8/29	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob and Lea Ann Brown

Thank you Bob and Lee Ann for your faithful submittals. DFO members, please send your additional reports to Elna Cain at Elnacain13@aol.com.

Field Trip Summary Table, August 2003

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	DFO FIELD TRIPS										TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	24	30	31	5	12	19	26	
	PAR	PAW	GEN	PLA	BAR	CHA	RIG	GOL	BOU	ROX	VAI	GEO	GUA	KEN	
Pied-billed Grebe														3	3
Eared Grebe														1	1
Western Grebe					20	14									34
American White Pelican		70			125	8									203
Double-crested Cormorant		1		15	42	11				6					75
Great Blue Heron		4		4	36	7	2		2						55
Great Egret					5										5
Snowy Egret		10			24										34
Cattle Egret		9													9
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	6													8
White-faced Ibis					16									26	42
Turkey Vulture						1		6		3					10
Canada Goose	12	40		6	86	30								5	179
Gadwall														15	15
American Wigeon														8	8
Mallard		4		27	200	2	1	3						29	266
Blue-winged Teal		2													2
Northern Shoveler					40									1	41
Green-winged Teal						6									6
Redhead														10	10
Ring-necked Duck														1	1
Lesser Scaup														1	1
Bufflehead														1	1
Common Goldeneye														1	1
Common Merganser						14									14
Ruddy Duck														50	50
Osprey				1											1
Northern Harrier		2						1							3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2						1							3
Accipiter sp.			1					1							2
Swainson's Hawk		13			3		1							1	18
Red-tailed Hawk		1	2	1			2	3	1				4	5	19
western races							2								(2)
Golden Eagle							1		1	3					5
American Kestrel		4													4
Virginia Rail				2											2
Sora				1											1
American Coot														1	1
Semipalmated Plover					1										1
Killdeer	20	12			60	18	4								114

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American Avocet		18			5										23
Greater Yellowlegs					2										2
Lesser Yellowlegs		4			2	1									7
Solitary Sandpiper						2									2
Willet					1										1
Spotted Sandpiper		1			1	9					2				13
Whimbrel					1										1
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1				2									3
Western Sandpiper					1										1
Least Sandpiper						2									2
Baird's Sandpiper		18			20	7									45
Long-billed Dowitcher					1										1
Wilson's Snipe		12				3									15
Wilson's Phalarope														3	3
Franklin's Gull		6													6
Pink-billed Gull	1	66		3	60	18									148
California Gull					2	5									7
gull sp.			1												1
Black Tern		3													3
Rock Dove		5	5	22						12					44
Mourning Dove	8	73	7	15	12	5	300	2	12	15				4	453
Great Horned Owl							1						1		2
Burrowing Owl							5								5
Common Nighthawk		2					3								5
White-throated Swift									12						12
Black-chinned Hummingbird								1							1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			50			4		12	3	15	2	2	1		89
Rufous Hummingbird			2												2
Hummingbird sp.	1														1
Belted Kingfisher	1	3		3		2			3						12
Red-naped Sapsucker													1		1
Downy Woodpecker		1	1		2	1		1		2					8
Hairy Woodpecker			7												7
Northern Flicker	12	1	2	2	1	5		4		4					31
"Red-shafted" race	(12)							(4)							(16)
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1				1	1					3
Western Wood Pewee	5	3	10	4	3	5	6	1	22	6				1	66
Condillan Flycatcher								1	5	3			1		14
empidonax sp.							3	1							4
Say's Phoebe						1	1		3						5

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Western Kingbird	5	113		1	6		7		12				2		146
Eastern Kingbird	5	14			2		1								22
Loggerhead Shrike		1											1		2
Plumbeous Vireo										1					1
Warbling Vireo		1													1
Gray Jay											3				3
Steller's Jay			2					8	10				1		21
Blue Jay		3		2											5
Western Scrub-Jay										21					21
Clark's Nutcracker								2					1		3
Black-billed Magpie		1	5	1	1	11			7				2		28
American Crow	1	2	12	1		3		4	35	2	2	7	11	2	82
Common Raven								6					1	2	9
Horned Lark		6					7						1		14
Tree Swallow		3		5								8			16
Violet-green Swallow			5	2					35	8		10			60
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	100			21		3									124
Bank Swallow					4	2	1								7
Cliff Swallow	40	22										5			67
Barn Swallow	1	66		3	2	3	15	29							119
swallow sp.			20												20
Black-capped Chickadee	2			8		5		3	1	12					31
Mountain Chickadee			12					10				3		3	28
Red-breasted Nuthatch								8					1		9
White-breasted Nuthatch			3			1				2			1		7
Pygmy Nuthatch			3												3
Brown Creeper								1					1		2
Rock Wren					1		1			1					3
Canyon Wren										2					2
House Wren		2				2		3	2	1				1	11
American Dipper													1		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet												7	1		8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									3	21					24
Western Bluebird			9												9
Mountain Bluebird			5					6						12	23
Wood Thrush		3													3
American Robin	20	25		2		2		5	3	2	1	2	2		64
Gray Catbird		1				1			1						3
Northern Mockingbird									1						1
Sage Thrasher									2						2

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Brown Thrasher		9					1								10
European Starling		150		30	10	12			15						217
American Pipit											2				2
Cedar Waxwing						5									5
Virginia's Warbler								2	1	1					4
Yellow Warbler	1	6		6	3	4									20
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race			12					5				7	2	3	29 (5)
Townsend's Warbler								4				2			6
Northern Waterthrush							2								2
MacGillivray's Warbler								3	1						4
Wilson's Warbler							6	5		2	1	5	3		22
Yellow-breasted Chat									1	1					2
Western Tanager			5								1				6
Spotted Towhee									8	14					22
Chipping Sparrow	62		33		1	3	4	17	22				1	2	145
Clay-colored Sparrow									1	18					19
Brewer's Sparrow							5							10	15
Vesper Sparrow		4							4	25	2		1	3	39
Lark Sparrow	29	4				3	12		4						52
Lark Bunting		1041					30								1071
Song Sparrow	1							9		1	1				12
Lincoln's Sparrow								1	1						2
White-crowned Sparrow											15	7			22
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race			7 (7)					4 4				5	6 (6)		22 (17)
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		5		2				3	3					15
Blue Grosbeak									7						7
Lazuli Bunting					3		1								4
Red-winged Blackbird	20	650		26	17		1							55	769
Western Meadowlark	2	17			3		6		8						36
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3													3
Brewer's Blackbird						2								1	3
Common Grackle	20	25		7	4	8								6	70
Great-tailed Grackle		5													5
Orchard Oriole		1													1
Bullock's Oriole	5	1			4				2	1					13
House Finch	26	5	7	10		1			2	3				15	69
Pine Siskin			3					8				8			19
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race	2 2		3 3			8			1 1	32					46 (1) (5)
American Goldfinch	82	8		8	6	6		2	1	10				1	124
House Sparrow		50	4	21	7		20							6	108
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	488	2639	247	260	849	268	450	183	259	254	32	78	39	298	6,344
TOTAL SPECIES	29	62	31	31	46	46	30	35	40	34	11	14	17	42	153

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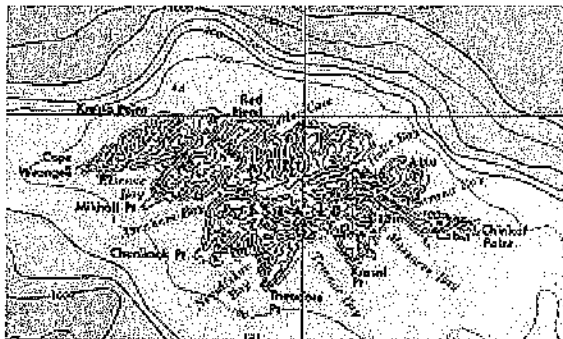
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November 2003

"Attu: The Greatest Birding Adventure in North America!"
Presented by Dr. Larry Sanders
Wednesday November 5, 7.30 pm

Attu Island is 1500 miles west of Anchorage, Alaska and about 250 miles from Asia. It is the farthest point west in the Continent and home to more North American rare bird records than anywhere else. It is a fascinating place, rewarding to anyone with a sense of adventure, an appetite for unique and interesting experiences, or an appreciation of remote, wild, and beautiful places.



Attu has the potential for more new North American records than anywhere else. Access is difficult, but after much searching, Dr. Sanders has found a way!

Come listen to recants of the previous trips, and plans for the upcoming one.

! No Meeting in December—maybe you could help with our Christmas Counts?

DFO Field Trips for November 2003

Saturday, November 1

Scoter

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. This is an all day trip driving to various mountain lakes to look for scoters, loons and other migrants, so bring lunch. Trip will probably include stops at Dillon Reservoir, Turquoise Lake, Spinney Mountain Reservoir, Twin Lakes and Eleven-Mile Reservoir. Call leader to register and arrange a meeting place.

Sunday, November 2

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Meet leader at 0800 at the entrance station inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1 ½ miles south of C-470. State Parks Pass required. This will be a half-day trip, lunch optional.

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DFO Field Trips for November 2003, continued

Saturday, November 8 *Boulder Hawk Run*

Leaders: Dianna and Wayne Johnston, 303-682-5662. Meet leaders at 0900 at the Park and Ride located at Hwy 287 and Niwot Road. From I-25 take exit #235 (CO State Hwy 52, Dacono, Ft. Lupton.) Go left at exit: Hwy 52 (west), go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287, turn right (north) on Hwy 287. Go 0.7 miles, then turn left (west) on Niwot Rd. This is a driving trip around Boulder County looking for raptors. It will be a ¾ day trip, bring lunch, snacks, and water.

Sunday, November 9 *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265. Meet leader at 0800 at west entrance of park. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave past Cherry Creek High School to west entrance. Half day trip, lunch optional. Gulls and waterfowl should be plentiful and nuthatches, woodpeckers and other winter residents will still be there. State Parks pass required. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Saturday, November 15 *Sedalia, Castle Rock and Cherokee Ranch*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Meet leader at 0800 in front of the new Post Office in Sedalia. Bring lunch. From the intersection of Hwy 85 and Hwy 105, take Hwy 105 south for about ¼ mile to the new Post Office on the right side of the street and park in front of the Post Office.

Sunday, November 16 *Barr Lake State Park*

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. This will be an easy hike on mostly paved trails. From Denver, take East I-76 to Bromley Lane, Exit 22. Go east on Bromley Lane to Piccadilly Road, and then turn south for approximately 2 miles to park entrance. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Saturday, November 22 *Roxborough State Park*

Leader: Doris Cruza, 303-798-8072. Meet leader at the Visitor's Center at 0800. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield State Park to Waterton Rd. on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Td., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles). State Parks Pass required or a day pass can be obtained for \$5. Half-day trip, lunch is optional. There is a nice patio where you can sit and eat lunch. Should see raptors.

Sunday, November 23 *Birdwatching for the Novice*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet leader at 0900 at the Belmar Historic Park, 800 South Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go 2 blocks straight ahead into Irongate parking lot and to lake. Half-day trip, lunch is optional. This trip will be an easy hike on wheelchair accessible trails to study and learn about the various waterfowl that winter in the Denver area. Be sure to bring binoculars and field guides. This trip is especially good for the novice birder and new members.

Friday, November 28 (the day after Thanksgiving) *Nebraska Turkey Chase*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. Meet leader at 0700 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant, Hudson, Colorado. Take I-76 east to Hudson and exit. Park in front of the Pepper Pod sign. We will drive approximately 4 hours to Ash Hollow State Park in Nebraska and spend the day around Lake McConaughy chasing turkeys and whatever birds we can find there. There should be an abundance of waterfowl and some bald eagles. Bring lunch and snacks for a long day. Plan to stop at a moderately priced restaurant on the way back to Denver. Nebraska State Parks Pass needed. Please call leader if you plan to go.

Saturday, November 29 *South Platte Park*

Leader: Dee Gielissen, 303-973-4934. Come and join leader for an early morning walk to work off some of the turkey you just consumed! Meet at 0700 at the Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., one block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. Will walk on easy trails looking at the abundant waterfowl. Hike will end by 0900. Dress warmly-you may even want to go out for breakfast after the hike.

DFO Field Trips for November 2003, continued

Sunday, November 30 *Big Dry Creek Open Space*

Leader: John Flavin, 303-412-1306. Meet leader at 0800 west of the library at the west end of the Front Range Community College located on 112th Ave. between Sheridan Blvd and Federal Blvd. This will be an easy hike on paved trails, accessible for wheelchair users. This will be a half-day trip, lunch optional. Will probably see wintering raptors as well as other species.

Scheduled by Jackie King

*Please note that we inadvertently omitted to note that the leader of the June 28th trip to the Hack Ranch was Kathy Hawkins, not Carol Hack, who was struggling with a flu virus.
Thanks Kathy for stepping in at the last minute!*

Dear DFO Members:

I am a wildlife biologist looking for bird lists from Stagecoach State Park near Steamboat Springs. I am conducting a Wildlife Assessment for State Parks and work to access existing information. If you have birded at Stagecoach State Park, I would very much appreciate it if you would share your list with me for inclusion in the report, which eventually comes together as a Stewardship Plan for the Park. These can be mailed or emailed and/or phoned to me.

Thank you for your help,

Carron

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Volunteer Field Trip Scheduler Needed!



Dianna Johnston has been scheduling field trips for DFO for four months a year (March, June, September and December) for the last three years, is planning to step down from this position. **We need someone to take Dianna's place and help us keep up our mission to provide over a hundred field trips a year!**

December 2003 will be the last month that Dianna can schedule field trips, **therefore we need someone to fill in by January 2004**, (that is when March field trips are scheduled) . If you have some spare time and are interested in supporting DFO, please contact Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662 or wjohnston@att.net. Thanks—we look forward to hearing from you....

Welcome New Member!

Christy Hannen, 4505 So. Yosemite St. #349, Denver, CO 80237, 303-290-6187

Contributions None this month

Reminder: DFO memberships will be due in December, and any memberships sent after October 1 are valid for 2004. There's a membership form on the last page.

DFO Field Trip Summaries, September 2003

September 11, Thursday *Cherry Creek State Park (CCS)*

Leader(s): J. B. Hayes. **Observers:** Barbara Bouthe, Peggy Hankins, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1330. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Large reservoir, riparian, cattail marsh, open woodlands, grasslands, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Clear, sunny, 43-61°F, variable wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 46 species, 660 individuals.

September 13, Saturday *Waterton Canyon (WC)*

Leader(s): Hugh Kingery. **Observers:** Ben & Tracy Allen, Bob & Lee Anne Brown, Alison Donnelly, Bev Dugay, Elaine & Mel Emeigh, Urling Kingery, Barbara Schissler, Sue Schulman. **Time:** 0630-1600. **Distance:** 10 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Plains riparian, grassland, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Cloudy, occasional showers, 47-54°F. **Totals:** 60 species, 2437 individuals.

September 13, Saturday *Barr Lake State Park (BL)*

Leader(s): Dick Schottler. **Observers:** Barb Churchley, Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Dick Pratt. **Time:** 0630-1545. **Distance:** 9 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast becoming mostly cloudy, 40-50°F, calm. **Totals:** 69 species, 2150 individuals.

September 13, Saturday *Chatfield Reservoir (CR)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Mary and Tom Burger, Paul Differding, Jill Holden, David and Janet Johnston, Loch Kilpatrick, Charlie Lawrence, Randy Lentz, Ric Olson, Joe Roller, Steve Stachowiak, Joyce Takamine, Glenn Walbek. **Time:** 0600-1830. **Distance:** 35 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. **Weather:** Overcast, occasional light drizzle clearing by late afternoon, cold front from the northwest came through 9pm night before, 47-50°F, calm, no wind. **Totals:** 105 species, 2377 individuals.

September 14, Sunday *Castlewood Canyon State Park (CWC)*

Leader(s): Randy Lentz. **Observers:** Bev DuGay, Celia Greenman. **Time:** 0545-1645. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills grassland, riparian, conifer forest, elevation 6400'. **Weather:** Sunny, 27-72°F, southwest wind, 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 48 species, 446 individuals.

September 14, Sunday *Barr Lake Periphery (BLP)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Mary Stallings. **Time:** 0700-1800. **Distance:** 104 miles by car. **Habitat:** Riparian, plains, elevation 5350'. **Weather:** Overcast morning, picture perfect afternoon, 38-70°F, northwest wind, 1-5 mph. **Totals:** 52 species, 1941 individuals.

September 14, Sunday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA)*

Leader(s): Hugh & Urling Kingery. **Observers:** Peter Frechtel, Alison Hilf, Diana & Wayne Johnston, Jim & Ladine Rantoul, Polly Reetz, Karen von Saltza, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0615-1600. **Distance:** 20 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie grassland, riparian, ponds, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, 32-73°F, no wind. **Totals:** 89 species, 3535 individuals.

September 15, Monday *Lower Bear Creek (LBC)*

Leader(s): Tamie Bulow. **Observers:** Patty Echelmeyer, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0700-1715. **Distance:** 26 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Weather:** Clear, 47-83°F, northwest wind, 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 67 species, 2478 individuals.

Field Trip Fall Count 2003

*Please note that the Fall count table below should follow page 9,
and forms the conclusion of the report.*

SPECIES	11	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	TOTAL
DATE	CCS	WC	BL	CR	CWC	BLP	RMA	LBC	
LOCATION									
Lark Sparrow		1		1		16		1	19
Savannah Sparrow				1				6	7
Song Sparrow	4	14	4	3	1		2		28
White-crowned Sparrow				1			11		12
Dark-eyed Junco							4		4
"Pink-sided" race							4		(4)
Red-winged Blackbird	5		1	3		250	4	58	321
Western Meadowlark	2	12	9	18	13	75	3		132
Yellow-headed Blackbird						20			20
Brewer's Blackbird	18	45		20				6	89
Common Grackle			1			1		5	7
Bullock's Oriole			1						1
House Finch	15	18		1	25	45		29	133
Pine Siskin								1	1
Lesser Goldfinch	1	27		11	90		2		131
"Black-backed" race				2					(2)
American Goldfinch	35	21	9	3	1		6	5	80
House Sparrow		50	8			200	4	42	304
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	660	2437	2150	2377	446	1941	3535	2478	16,024
TOTAL SPECIES	46	60	69	105	48	52	89	67	168

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Green Heron	9/1-7	1a	Denver City Park Lake	Denver	Aaron Sell
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	9/19-25	1 juv	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, m.ob.
Short-billed Dowitcher	9/1	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Bob Brown
Red-naped Sapsucker	9/14	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Ash-throated Flycatcher	9/1	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer, Bob Brown
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/3	1 1st fall f?	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
White-throated Sparrow	9/27	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown, Joey Kellner, Andrew Spencer

Thank you ! DFO members, please send your additional reports to Elna Cain at Elnacain13@aol.com.

Field Trip Fall Count 2003 continued

SPECIES	11	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	TOTAL
DATE	CCS	WC	BL	CB	CWC	BLP	BMA	LBC	
LOCATION									
Pied-billed Grebe			1				4	5	10
Eared Grebe							3	1	4
Western Grebe	90		8	13				29	140
Clark's Grebe	3								3
American White Pelican	17		56	4		11	19	6	113
Double-crested Cormorant	25	5	30	20		3	10	21	114
Great Blue Heron	11	16	7	34		13	5	2	88
Great Egret			1			1			2
Snowy Egret			8						8
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1			2				1	4
White-faced Ibis			19	28					47
Turkey Vulture	1			1	9	1	2	1	15
Canada Goose	25	117	500	52		45	204	31	974
Wood Duck		2	1	4			2	1	10
Gadwall		1	16	36			200	283	536
American Wigeon			10	6			400	221	637
Mallard	8	22	200	16		29	577	72	924
Blue-winged Teal	16		10	3		3	2	5	39
Cinnamon Teal						20			20
teal sp.								31	31
Northern Shoveler			35	27			124	2	188
Northern Pintail				6			4		10
Duck sp		135							135
Green-winged Teal			100	110		1	19	22	252
Redhead							400	309	709
Ring-necked Duck							4		4
Lesser Scaup								6	6
Bufflehead								7	7
Hooded Merganser				4				4	8
Common Merganser		2		85				4	91
Red-breasted Merganser								9	9
Ruddy Duck	1					25	13	14	53
Osprey		1		1					2
Bald Eagle			1	1			2	1	5
Northern Harrier			1	1		4	2		8
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1	2	3
Cooper's Hawk				1	1		1		3
Swainson's Hawk			4		1	5		1	11
Red-tailed Hawk		7	3	3	4	10	6		33
western races			(3)						(3)

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Field Trip Fall Count 2003 continued

SPECIES	11	13	13	13	14	14	14	15	TOTAL
DATE	CCS	WC	BL	CR	CWC	BLP	RMA	LBC	
LOCATION									
Golden Eagle		3		1					4
American Kestrel	3	6	5	5		14	17	1	51
Merlin							1		1
Peregrine Falcon		1							1
Prairie Falcon		1							1
Ring-necked Pheasant			1						1
Virginia Rail		2		3					5
Sora						1			1
American Coot	5		8	4		1	250	900	1168
Semipalmated Plover				2					2
Killdeer	4	1	50	56		19	27	33	190
American Avocet			21	4					25
Greater Yellowlegs			17			8	2		27
Lesser Yellowlegs			8	13					21
Solitary Sandpiper			2	1					3
Willet				5					5
Spotted Sandpiper	2			5				3	10
Long-billed Curlew				2					2
Marbled Godwit			4	38					42
Sanderling				1					1
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1					1
Western Sandpiper				1					1
Least Sandpiper				3					3
Baird's Sandpiper			75	75					150
Pectoral Sandpiper			2	1					3
Stilt Sandpiper							1		1
Long-billed Dowitcher							2		2
Dowitcher sp			1						1
Wilson's Snipe							2		2
Wilson's Phalarope			4	2					6
Red-necked Phalarope				2					2
Franklin's Gull			400	5		25			430
Ring-billed Gull	50	4	35	38		140	19	90	376
California Gull	20	1	5	13				2	41
Sabine's Gull				1					1
gull sp.								7	7
Caspian Tern	1								1
Common Tern				102					102
Forster's Tern			1	1		5			7
Black Tern	3								3

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Field Trip Fall Count 2003 continued

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	11 CCS	13 WC	13 BL	13 CR	14 CWC	14 BLP	14 RMA	15 LBC	TOTAL
Rock Dove	3	73	2	1		25		15	119
Mourning Dove	7	22	80	12	7	105	117	16	366
Great Horned Owl			4	2	1	3	10		20
Burrowing Owl						7	1		8
Common Nighthawk							2	1	3
Common Poorwill					3				3
Chimney Swift	4								4
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1			1					2
Belted Kingfisher	4	5	1	4			19	2	35
Red-headed Woodpecker			1						1
Downy Woodpecker	1	4	6	2	2	1	6	3	25
Hairy Woodpecker				1			1		2
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	10	17 (17)	13	22 (22)	5 (5)	5	14 (14)	33	119 (58)
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					2		3
Western Wood-Pewee		2		12	1	1	3	3	22
Gray Flycatcher				1					1
empidonax sp.				3			6		9
Say's Phoebe		2		5	2		2		11
Cassin's Kingbird							1		1
Western Kingbird	1	1	1	3	1	1	33	5	46
Eastern Kingbird							8		8
Loggerhead Shrike			1			1			2
Plumbeous Vireo				2	1		1		4
Cassin's Vireo							1	1	2
Warbling Vireo			2		1		1		4
Red-eyed Vireo								1	1
Steller's Jay					4				4
Blue Jay			2			2	13	2	19
Western Scrub-Jay		1			7		1		9
Black-billed Magpie	8	13	9	40	16	2	32	16	136
American Crow		14		35	28			7	84
Common Raven		1		2	6				9
Horned Lark		1		2		65	2		70
Tree Swallow				8					8
Violet-green Swallow	16			275			5		296
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				8		20			28
Bank Swallow				6					6
Cliff Swallow						15			15
Barn Swallow	150	9	200	200		105	157	9	830

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Field Trip Fall Count 2003 continued

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DATE	CCS	WC	BL	CR	CWC	BLP	RMA	LBC	
LOCATION									
swallow sp.		1600		600					2200
Black-capped Chickadee	12	21		33	11		10	9	96
Mountain Chickadee					2				2
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2				2
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		13	7				22
Rock Wren			1	3	2		14	3	23
Canyon Wren					2				2
House Wren		2		4	3		3		12
Marsh Wren		1							1
Golden-crowned Kinglet							2		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	8			16		26
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		3		10	4		2		19
Western Bluebird					1				1
Mountain Bluebird					6				6
Townsend's Solitaire			2		7		2		11
Hermit Thrush							2		2
American Robin	1	24	2	6	6	12	6	13	70
Gray Catbird	1	6		6	1		1		15
Northern Mockingbird							1		1
Sage Thrasher		1		3			3		7
Brown Thrasher			1						1
European Starling	65	9	45	25		450	102	30	726
American Pipit								1	1
Cedar Waxwing		32		3	1		1		37
Orange-crowned Warbler		1	1	4	2		4		12
Virginia's Warbler		2		2					4
Northern Parula				1					1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4	4		55	1	2	9	3	78
"Audubon's" race		4		(55)	1		4		(64)
Townsend's Warbler	1		1	3			8		13
MacGillivray's Warbler					1				1
Common Yellowthroat			3	1		1			5
Wilson's Warbler	1	24	14		2	2	31	2	76
Western Tanager		7			1		14		22
Green-tailed Towhee				2	6		5	2	15
Spotted Towhee		2		5	15				22
Chipping Sparrow	3		60	20	79	1	266	1	430
Clay-colored Sparrow		2		14	2		12	6	36
Brewer's Sparrow	1			1		29	26	12	69
Vesper Sparrow		13	13	3	52	95	196	2	374

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

50th Annual DFO Denver Count Saturday December 20, 2003

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (303-278-8035, birdshot@uswest.net)
Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer (303-233-4947), Tina Jones (303-749-2647)
Compilation meeting (December 20th after the counts: 5:00 pm at Wilds Birds Unlimited,
2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

We invite and encourage all DFO members to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) sponsored by the Denver Field Ornithologists and the National Audubon Society. To participate, call one of the Area Leaders listed below to assist in a particular area, or call the Count Leader if you would like to help in an area that still needs additional observers. As can be seen on the list, **there are still a few areas that do not have leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out.** If you would be willing to lead in one of these areas, please call the Count Leader as soon as possible.

After a day in the field, all participants are invited to attend the short compilation meeting hosted again this year by Sandy and Scott Menough at Wild Birds Unlimited to warm up, chat with other birders, and find out how the count fared. It is lots of fun.

Fees: Each observer over the age of 18 must pay a \$5.00 fee to participate in the Denver CBC. Participants should pay the \$5.00 fee to their area Leader before taking part in the Count. Checks should be made payable to *National Audubon Society*, not DFO.

Pre-counts: Area Leaders are encouraged to conduct pre-counts in their areas, particularly if unfamiliar with the area. Since days and times of pre-counts will vary, contact an Area Leader if you wish to assist on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participating in a pre-count.

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50th Annual DFO Denver Count, continued

Area locations and names and phone numbers of Area Leader are listed below. Participants should contact Area Leaders for meetings times and places on Count day, Saturday, December 20.

<u>Area Number and Location</u>	<u>Area Leader</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bob Brown	303-791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	Volunteer Leader Needed	
2A Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins	303-969-8909
2. Bow Mar/Marston	Karl Stecher	303-779-8887
4A Lower South Platte-East	Ed Holub	303-979-2194
4B Lower South Platte-West	Warren Finch	303-233-3372
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6. Plumb Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A Middle South Platte-West	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
7B Middle South Platte-East	Hugh Kingery	303-814-2723
8. Chatfield State Park	Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
9. Upper South Platte*	Carolyn Cooley	303-798-9010
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Volunteer Leader Needed	
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	Frances Sperl	303-426-4267
14. North Turkey Creek	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
15. Indian Hills	Sherman Wing	303-697-8840
16. Upper Bear Creek	Gene Rutherford	303-337-2598
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	Volunteer Leader Needed	
18. Garrison Gate	Volunteer Leader Needed	
19. Morrison/Willowbrook	Jackie King	303-287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Doris Cruze	303-798-8072
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield	303-936-8661

* to participate in this area, you must contact the area leader no later than Tuesday, December 16.





Colorado Christmas Bird Counts - 2003

December 14

Boulder	Bill Schmoker	303-702-9589	bill.schmoker@bvsc.k12.co.us
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Penrose	Mark Peterson		peterson33@yahoo.com

December 15

John Martin Dam	Duane Nelson	719-456-6098	leastern@centurytel.net
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December 16

Rocky Ford	Stan Oswald	719-254-7221	osrabc@RIA.NET
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December 20

Denver	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035	birdscho@uswest.net
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		719-543-2724	

December 28

Rawhide	Ron Ryder	970-482-8089	ronr@lamar.colostate.edu
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January 1

Denver Urban	Hugh Kingery	303-814-2725	ouzeis@juno.com
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January 3

Bonny	Chris Wood		zeledonia@cfo-link.org
Douglas County	Doris Cruze/Ann Bonnell	303-973-3959	abonnell@juno.com
Lake Isabel	Dave Silverman	719-489-3565	silvireo@hotmail.com

January 4

Black Forest	Judy von Ahlefeldt	719-468-8409	blackforestnews@earthlink.net
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DFO Field Trips for December 2003

December 6, Saturday

Boulder County - Raptors (BOU)

Leaders: Wayne & Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662

Meet leaders at 0900 at Park n Ride at Hwy 287 & Niwot Rd. From I 25 take exit #235 (Hwy 52) and go left at exit on Hwy 52. Go 6.8 miles to Hwy 287 turn right, go 0.7 miles to Niwot Rd and turn left. This will be a driving tour of Boulder County looking for raptors. All day trip bring lunch.

December 7, Sunday

Longmont (LON)

Leaders: Chris Owens & Richard Mendez 303-772-6048

Meet leaders at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. From I 25 take exit 240 and go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Rd, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park. 3/4 day trip. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Dianna Johnston 303-682-5662—thank you Dianna for all your work. DFO is pleased that this valuable service will be continued by star volunteers Meredith Anderson (303.280.8576) and Allison Hill.



Denver Urban Count, January 1 2004

After the count, you are invited to a **Pot Luck** at Casey Davenport's, 415 South High (5 blocks west of University, about 2 blocks south of Alameda) at 5 pm. Please call Casey or Jeff (303-744-0613) so we can count you in on the chili pot, Urling's wicked brownies, and Casey & Jeff's hospitality!

Count Leader: Hugh Kingery 303-814-2723

Area	Location	Leader's	
1	South Platte (south)	Doris Cruz, 303-798-8072	some walking
5	Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek, Bluff L., & Aurora, Buckley Field	Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381	walking
7	Cherry Creek Res.	Buzz Schaumberg, 303-699-1721	some walking
8	Kent School, S/Hampden	J. B. Hayes, 303-798-9683	car, some on foot
10	Cherry Creek, dam to Den. Country Club	Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000	car, foot
13	City Park/Park Hill	Paul Slingsby, 303-422-3728	long hike
15	Wash Park/Denver Country Club; Cherry Creek to Confluence; DU; Greater Glendale several groups	Kevin Corwin, 303-936-8661	car, some on foot
		Casey Davenport, 303-744-0613	car, some on foot



Bulletin Board

☐ **January 7th Program Meeting** Unfortunately our speaker for the January meeting has had to cancel. At the time of the Lark Bunting going to press we do not have complete information on the content of our first program in 2004. When we know more, we will post all the information on our web site www.dfobirders.org.

☐ **DFO and the Flower and Garden Show** DFO has been invited to participate in the annual Flower and Garden show in the Denver Convention Center next February. The Board has decided to set up a table with information about our club. Anyone who likes to decorate and create eye catching design boards, photo albums, brochures, etc., please email Toni Rautus at trautus@att.net.

☐ **Electronic Lark Bunting Option** The Board is interested in knowing how many DFO members access the field trip information on the web site and do not rely on the Lark Bunting for this and other information. You will notice on the inserted membership form that there is a check box asking you if you would like to receive the newsletter in email form instead of the mailed version. It would be emailed in Adobe format so you would need Adobe Reader (free from adobe.com) to open and print it.

☐ **News Fit to Print** The Lark Bunting welcomes articles, news and photographs that are directly related to the DFO mission. Please submit in email (we don't do paper!) to veronicaholt@att.net. Thanks.

☐ **DFO Grant Application Form** is on the website and will be in next month's Lark Bunting.





Rare Bird Alert Service is looking for volunteer help!

RBA needs volunteer help to check the hotline phone for incoming calls of birds seen in the area. The volunteer should be familiar with what would be considered a rare bird vs. a pretty normal one for the area. They should go on-line to CoBirds to collect notices of rare birds being reported on the net and then they need to update the RBA phone line with the date, the observer, the species, and directions to the bird. This should be done on a daily basis. The RBA is also used as a resources for the DFO field trips. In you are interested in supporting this program, and for more information please call Dick Schottler at 303.278.8035.

Late breaking news: Joyce Takamine 303 554-9785 has offered to help, but the program is best shared by a couple of people. So, we are still searching for someone to work with Joyce.

Welcome New Members !

Congratulations and thank you to Hugh Kingery for 50 years membership supporting the Denver Field Ornithologists.

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Memberships for 2004 are due this month. In order to continue to receive the Lark Bunting, with field trips and presentations for the next months, please send your membership in now, before the intensity of the holiday season.

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The DFO relies on your help to sustain our outreach efforts and programs.

October Field Trip Summaries

October 4, Saturday *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WHE)*

Leader(s): Mike Foster. **Observers:** Joan and Marty Blumberg, Dan Brachear, Toni Rautus, Bob Spencer, Joyce Takamine, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-120. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, lakes, wetlands, elevation 5400'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-65°F. **Totals:** 26 species, 317 individuals.

October 5, Sunday *Barr Lake State Park (BAR)*

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Scott Cleaves, Warren Finch, Bob Hutchison, Joyce Takamine, Larry and Roni Wilson. **Time:** 0800-1130. **Distance:** .5 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, reservoir, cottonwood, willow, elevation 5000'. **Weather:** Clear, 50-70°F, no wind. **Totals:** 41 species, 1424 individuals.

October 11, Saturday *Bluff Lake Nature Area (BLU)*

Leader(s): Peggy Gonder. **Observers:** Ellie Jones, Janet Johnston, David Johnston, Joyce Takamine, Mary Burger, Mary Geder, Carol Wilson, Eric Zarawonicz, Bev Dugay, Joe Roller, Russ Rhoads, Barbara Rhoads, Chuck Walters. **Time:** 0800-1230. **Distance:** .3 miles by car, 3 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, creek, prairie, grasses, marsh vegetation, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Clear, calm 40-52°F, northeast wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 21 species, 241 individuals.

October 12, Sunday *"The Big Sit" at Chatfield State Park (CHA)*

Leader(s): Joey Kellner. **Observers:** Patty Echlemeyer, Warren Finch, Jill Holden, Charlie Lawrence, Andrew Spencer. **Time:** 0530-1900. **Habitat:** Reservoir. **Weather:** Clear, 39-76°F, east wind that changed mid-day to north, 0-10 mph. **Totals:** 61 species, 932 individuals.

October 18, Saturday *Parker Regional Park (PAR)*

Leader(s): Gregg Goodrich. **Observers:** Bev DuGay, Allen Hagood, Charlie and Jeni Lawrence, Pam Munroe, Adele Strawn. **Time:** 0800-1100. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and lake, elevation 6000'. **Weather:** Clear, no wind, 40-70°F. **Totals:** 22 species, 194 individuals.

October 19, Sunday *Hudson Gardens (HUD)*

Leader(s): Peggy Hankins. **Observers:** Alison Donnelly, Patty Echelmeyer, Allen Hagood, Joyce Mosetic, Diana Mullineaux, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0800-1200. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Varied. **Weather:** Calm and clear, 37-mid70s°F. **Totals:** 27 species, 258 individuals.

October 25, Saturday *Rocky Mountain Arsenal (ROC)*

Leader(s): Dave Rhoades. **Observers:** Peter DeLorenzo, Gord Hodgson, Kristie Honnen, Janet Johnston, Carol Larsen, Ben Moore, Peter Spanberger, Mary Stallings, Vera Walters. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 12 miles by car, .5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Prairie, wetlands, woodlands, elevation 5200'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 28-40°F, wind 0-5 mph. **Totals:** 41 species, 779 individuals.

October 26, Sunday *Barr Lake Periphery (BAR)*

Leader(s): Jackie King. **Observers:** Veronica Holt, Mary Stallings, Joyce Takamine. **Time:** 0800-1400. **Distance:** 66 miles by car, .5 mile on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian and plains, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Partly cloudy, 40-60°F, north wind, 5-15 mph. **Totals:** 39 species, 7226 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

October 7 *Squaw Pass, Echo Lake, Chicago Creek Campground – Hell's Hole Trail*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 30 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1230. **Distance:** 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Mountain riparian, aspen, willow, spruce, lodgepole pine, tundra, fir woodlands, elevation 7800-10597'. **Weather:** Mostly to partly cloudy, 54-62°F, calm. **Totals:** 14 species, 131 individuals.

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October Field Trip Summary, 2003 continued

October 14 *Mt Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 26. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 2.25 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Foothills, ponderosa pine, juniper and open meadows, elevation 7750-7859'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy, 38-48°F, southwest wind 0-7 mph. **Totals:** 11 species, 55 individuals.

October 21 *Lair O'The Bear Jeffco Open Space Park*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell. **Observers:** 31. **Time:** 0900-1200. **Distance:** 4 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Riparian, cottonwood, willow and some ponderosa pine and blue spruce, elevation 6530'. **Weather:** Sunny, 60-74°F, southwest wind, 0-3 mph. **Totals:** 23 species, 154 individuals.

October 28 *Belmar City Park, Lakewood*

Leader(s): Ann Bonnell and Else Van Erp. **Observers:** 30 (two groups). **Time:** 0900-1130. **Distance:** 2 miles on foot. **Habitat:** Ponds, deciduous and evergreen trees, city park, open fields, elevation 5280'. **Weather:** Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy, 50-62°F, south wind, 0-15 mph. **Totals:** 24 species, 178 individuals.

SPECIES DATE LOCATION	4-Oct								TUESDAY BIRDERS				TOTAL
	WHE	BAR	BLU	CHA	PAR	HUD	ROC	BAR	7	14	21	28	
Pied-billed Grebe	1			3	1		3					2	10
Horned Grebe				2									2
Eared Grebe				12			2						14
Western Grebe		20		200									220
Clark's Grebe				2									2
American White Pelican		7		31			4	3					45
Double-crested Cormorant	13	10		60		6		60					149
Great Blue Heron		5	1	9		1	1						17
Snowy Egret		2											2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1											4	5
Greater White-fronted Goose													0
Canada Goose	48	200		90	45	80	130	1030				26	1649
Wood Duck						1							1
Gadwall	18	20		60			75					14	187
American Wigeon	20	10		4			10	5					49
Mallard	61	40	22	10	2	5	36	45			1	6	228
teal sp.				1									1
Northern Shoveler	20	4		5			19					16	64
Northern Pintail		2					6						8
Green-winged Teal			1	1			10	8					20
Canvasback		2					2						4
Redhead		20					20				1		41
Ring-necked Duck		30		5			1						36
Lesser Scaup				1			2					3	6
Black Scoter							1						1
Bufflehead							32	1				3	36
Hooded Merganser											2		2
Common Merganser				16									16
Ruddy Duck		20		5									25
Osprey				2				1					3
Bald Eagle				1				2					3
Northern Harrier				1			1	3					5
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1									1

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October 2003 Field Trip Table, continued

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	4-Oct	5	11	12	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28	
	WHE	BAR	BLU	CHA	PAR	HUD	ROC	BAR					
Cooper's Hawk				1									1
Northern Goshawk											1		1
accipiter sp.						1							1
Red-tailed Hawk			2	5			1	9	1	1	3		22
western races			2										(2)
Ferruginous Hawk								2					2
Golden Eagle							1				1		2
American Kestrel			1	1	1		1	12				3	19
Ring-necked Pheasant								3					3
American Coot	29	2		66			120						217
Killdeer		4		6		4							14
American Avocet				2									2
Greater Yellowlegs							1						1
Semipalmated Sandpiper				2									2
Baird's Sandpiper				2									2
Long-billed Dowitcher							1						1
Franklin's Gull		750		2				3					755
Ring-billed Gull	23	200	3	60	4	2	100	210				55	657
California Gull		1		4									5
Herring Gull		4		3									7
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1											1
Common Tern		1											1
Rock Dove	2		13	11	27	6		25				8	92
Mourning Dove	5			3		2	5	1					16
Great Horned Owl				1				3					4
Belted Kingfisher	3		3	2	1	5	1				2		17
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		1	1	1		2			2		9
Hairy Woodpecker		1											1
Northern Flicker	19	2	17	6	3	8	10	8	3		1	3	80
"Yellow-shafted" race			1					1					(2)
"Red-shafted" race	(19)		(16)				(10)	(7)					(52)
Say's Phoebe							1						1
Gray Jay									7				7
Steller's Jay									3	3	4		10
Blue Jay	4	1	1	1	7			2					16
Clark's Nutcracker									3				3
Black-billed Magpie	2	2	5	11	1	7	3	3	1	4	1	1	41
American Crow			1	30	4	2	2	18	8	3	1	5	74
Common Raven				4									4
Horned Lark				8				140					148
Barn Swallow				2									2
chickadee sp.									7				7
Black-capped Chickadee	5			6	2	3				1	14		31
Mountain Chickadee									15	10			25
Bushtit						6							6
Red-breasted Nuthatch									1				1
White-breasted Nuthatch										3			3
Pygmy Nuthatch									1	8			9
Brown Creeper									2		1		3
Canyon Wren											2		2
American Dipper											7		7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	5									10		16
Mountain Bluebird							1				1		2

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LOCATION	WHE	BAR	BLU	CHA	PAR	HUD	ROC	BAR					
Townsend's Solitaire				1			1			10	4		16
American Robin	1		5	11	1	12		3	5	4	75	8	125
European Starling	14	1	28	110		40	7	1850				1	2051
American Pipit				2									2
Nashville Warbler		1											1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	36	3	23							8		76
"Myrtle" race											8		(8)
"Audubon's" race	6												(6)
Townsend's Warbler		1											1
Wilson's Warbler		1									1		2
Green-tailed Towhee		1											1
American Tree Sparrow								14					14
Chipping Sparrow				1									1
Song Sparrow	3	1	4	2	6	1		6			2	1	26
White-throated Sparrow								1					1
White-crowned Sparrow		6	38		10	2	26	17				2	101
"Gambel's" race			(38)										(38)
Dark-eyed Junco				1	5	5	14	6	50	8	9	3	101
"Slate-colored" race						2							(2)
"Oregon" race						1							(1)
"Pink-sided" race						1							(1)
"Gray-headed" race											(9)		(9)
Red-winged Blackbird		1	28	4	45	12	100	3160				3	3353
Western Meadowlark		4	11	5	2		6	80					108
Yellow-headed Blackbird								1					1
Brewer's Blackbird				2				2					4
Common Grackle	10				16	4	1	325					356
House Finch	5	1	19	7	3	30	19	32			3	3	122
Red Crossbill									24				24
American Goldfinch		3	35	1	7	10							56
House Sparrow	2					2	2	130				5	141
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	317	1424	241	932	194	258	779	7226	131	55	154	178	11,889
TOTAL SPECIES	26	41	21	61	22	27	41	39	14	11	23	24	104

Additional Reports

Species	Dates	Number seen	Location	County	Observers & notes
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	9/19-10/11	1 juv	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, m.ob.
Cattle Egret	11/13	1 basic a.	Belmar Park, Lakewood	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Anna's Hummingbird	10/6	1	4400 Bowmar Dr. Denver	Denver	Bob Brown Lea Ann Brown m.ob.

Thank you ! DFO members, please send your additional reports to Elna Cain at Elnacain13@aol.com.

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